

Dear Maryland House Members, Democrats and Republicans alike,

The majority of Marylanders want secure elections and do not trust our current process locally, or nationally, but let's focus on what we can fix here in Maryland. This is a FULL ON nonpartisan issue with citizens of all parties supporting fortifying our election process. I, Suzanne Duffy ask you to please support HB964, it might be the most important thing you ever do for the people of our state.

Here's Why, but I can think of 100 other reasons:

Simplified Summary: HB964 Support:

Maryland's elections aren't as secure as they seem and we need **HB964** to fix these major problems in the system:

- **The Main Problem:** Maryland has nearly **240,000 "violations"** on its voter rolls, including dead people, people who moved, and duplicate names, plus plus.
- **The current so-called "Honor System":** Maryland has a **98% registration rate** (much higher than the 75% national average), suggesting the rolls are artificially inflated because registration currently relies on an "honor system" for citizenship.
- **Real-World Examples:** I personally have knocked on 100's doors in Annapolis 2021, Anne Arundel Co, Talbot Co and beyond. Annapolis, my first was for a simply municipal election, some houses has easily 10+ registered voters and not one of them presently lived there, deaths reported, maiden names, twins, duplicate ballots, houses receiving ballots for people they did not know, people registered in more than one state, children being registered at 16 thinking they can vote because their ID is called a VOTER Card, not REGISTRATION card. That's just the tip of this messy iceberg.
- **The Solutions in HB964:**
 - **Voter ID:** Requiring a photo ID (or specific documents) to vote in person.
 - **Proof of Citizenship:** Requiring documents to prove you are a U.S. citizen when you register.
 - **No Drop Boxes:** Removing unattended ballot drop boxes from the law.There truly are so many chain of command issues and potential violations.

- **Audit the Rolls:** Requiring the state to clean up the voter list at least 90 days before every primary. Thank God Judicial Watch has already cleaned up over 5.8 million “dirty” voter rolls, aka ineligible names. This is very easy for each of you to confirm online.

Why This Matters to me and should matter to all of us:

As someone active in Annapolis politics, I find this relevant because HB964 also proposes that **municipal elections** (like those in Annapolis, my town and the other 156 Maryland municipalities) must follow these same strict standards for ID and registration maintenance to actually know who is voting and who should not be.

Please support this desperately needed voter roll clean up and let's get organized instead of second guessing elections, let's actually make them secure.

Thank you,
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