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Testimony on HB 1378

Corporations and Associations - Limitations on Election and Ballot Issue Activities
(Maryland Corporate Power Reset Act)

Sponsored by

Delegates [Terrasa](#), [Lehman](#), and [Ruth](#)

Government, Labor, and Elections

Position: Favorable

I am a member of AARP, Indivisible Frederick Forward, and Third Act Maryland, among other groups. I am writing on behalf of Third Act Maryland's Democracy Working Group, a **group of older adults from across Maryland focused on collective activism advancing climate justice and democracy efforts to make the planet more livable and to protect voting rights.**

Enacting this bill is a sensible way to rein in the massive amounts of corporate and so-called "dark" money, literally buying elections. The federal Citizens United act is a travesty to our democratic republic and every intention of our US Constitution.

As a state, Maryland can work to minimize the impact of this undemocratic approach to funding candidates. I urge you to advocate for anything Maryland can do to minimize and even prevent corporate advantage and the use of "silent" money to basically "buy" political action and favor. Let's remove that from the equation when it comes to Maryland election processes. "Fair" and "Accessible" elections for EACH INDIVIDUAL CITIZEN should always be the primary goal for any and all elections in the United States of America. Let's at least make sure we provide that for all MARYLANDERS.

PLEASE ADVANCE THIS BILL.

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