

February 18, 2026

**Testimony on HB 0871  
Election Law – Enhanced Automatic Voter Registration  
Government, Labor, and Elections Committee**

**Position:** Favorable

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

**Enacting** this bill is a sensible way to reengage recently released, formerly incarcerated persons back into a responsible and engaged life. Knowing they have civic responsibilities that **INCLUDE** civic rights is a powerful incentive to do one's best to reintegrate into society in a way that enhances everyone in the community.

PLEASE ADVANCE THIS BILL.

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