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**TESTIMONY ON HB#1405 - FAVORABLE**  
**Election Law - Campaign Finance Activities - Candidates for State Office**

**TO:** Chair Wells, Vice Chair Kerr, and members of the Government, Labor and Elections Committee

**FROM:** Richard Keith Kaplowitz

My name is Richard K. Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#1405, **Election Law - Campaign Finance Activities - Candidates for State Office**

This bill will add to the list of people who, during a regular session of the General Assembly, cannot undertake campaign financing activities.

This ... applies to the following individuals:

- the Governor
- the Lieutenant Governor
- the Attorney General
- the Comptroller;
- the State Treasurer
- a member of the General Assembly
- a candidate for federal, State, or local office, or a campaign finance entity of the candidate or any other campaign finance entity organized ... and operated in coordination with a candidate

The restrictions will apply to receiving a contribution; conducting a fund-raising event; soliciting a contribution; or depositing or using any contribution of money that was not deposited prior to the session.

The bill will accomplish this purpose by prohibiting a candidate for certain State offices and a person acting on behalf of a candidate for certain State offices from participating in certain campaign finance activities during a regular session of the General Assembly.

This bill ensures that even the perception that monies contributed directly influence actions or legislative activities while the General Assembly is in session will be removed.

**I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB#1405.**