

HB 979: State Constitutional Convention - Question on Ballot - Passage by Majority of Votes Cast: Please vote to **SUPPORT this BIPARTISAN bill.**

Dear Rules & Executive Nominations Committee:

I am writing to strongly urge you to **SUPPORT HB 979.**

This bill empowers voters, respects the will of the electorate, and ensures that a constitutional convention can be called when there is clear public support, without diluting existing protections or changing the substance of what a convention can do.

Maryland has not held a constitutional convention since 1967–1968, and the current structure discourages direct democratic input on major structural reforms. This commonsense, bipartisan change restores balance and gives citizens a more realistic path to propose updates to our constitution when needed.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask you to **vote in favor of HB 979** and help make the constitutional convention process more responsive to the will of Maryland voters.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this important democratic reform.

Respectfully,

Trudy Tibbals