



Maryland Association of Election Officials

Representing the Local Election Boards of the State of Maryland

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Delegate Anne Kaiser, Chair
Maryland House Ways and Means Committee
Room 131, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: HB 245 – Support

Delegate Kaiser and Committee Members:

My name is Stuart Harvey. I am the Election Director in Frederick County and the co-chair of the Maryland Association of Election Officials (MAEO) Legislative Committee. MAEO represents the local boards of elections throughout the State of Maryland. I am here today representing myself and MAEO in support of HB 245 – Election Judges – Training and Signs – Accommodations for Voters in Need of Assistance.

HB 245 would require that training materials for election judges include oral and written instructions as to how they could assist elderly and disabled voters in voting, and require that the State Board of Elections develop signage that could be posted in the polling place that would assist in this effort.

MAEO supports these actions, and feels the legislation clarifies how best to accommodate elderly and disabled voters at the polls.

For these reasons, we would urge the committee to give HB 245 a favorable report.

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions, please call me at 301-600-1007, or via e-mail at sharvey@frederickcountymd.gov.

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