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**HB1112**

**POSITION: FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS**

**Election Law - Registered Voter List and Petitions (Ballot Position Modernization Act)**

**TO:** Chair Del. Atterbeary, Vice Chair Del. Wilkins, and members of the Ways and Means Committee

**FROM:** Aaron Plymouth

My name is Aaron Plymouth. I am a resident of District 10. I am submitting this testimony in favorable support with amendments of HB1112, Election Law - Registered Voter List and Petitions (Ballot Position Modernization Act)

I am a senior citizen and a member of The 4MORE! 4BALTIMORECOUNTY Ballot Petition Committee. I care deeply about HB1112 and the positive impact this Election Law will have on a diverse population of Maryland registered voters.

As a petition circulator, I encountered many individuals who were reluctant to provide the required information on the petition forms on which others had entered their information and signatures. Many did not want to record their birthday as well. Thus, the Electronic Ballot option prevents privacy rights from being disrespected since the petition forms are generated for five sets of signatures, each section of which requests the signer to volunteer his home address and true birthday to a total stranger. Moreover, signing a petition form makes that information immediately available to the person's co-workers, neighbors, church members or organization members,

In closing, I am in favor of HB 1112 with amendments because it will have a positive impact on a diverse population of Maryland registered voters. They will have increased options for engagement in exercising their right to participate in signing petitions of their choice in the comfort and privacy of their residence.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable amendments report on HB1112 without further amendments.