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TESTIMONY ON HB#/0192 - POSITION: UNFAVORABLE
Elections - In-Person Voting - Proof of Identity

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

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3. I am submitting this testimony against HB#/0192, Elections - In-Person Voting - Proof of Identity

This bill seems to be supporting the falsehood surrounding whether there is fraud being committed in voting in Maryland. It makes additional work for election workers when helping a voter to vote. The prohibition of voting under false pretenses is already a crime in Maryland and that has not been shown to be insufficient in prevention of the voter assuming a false identity to vote. It might prevent voting by any unhoused individuals who do not have the required identification but do have a mailing address within a social services component.

The Maryland State Board of Elections documents all of the steps they take to insure we have safe and valid elections, and this bill would contravene some of the secure measures that are primary methodology in voter protections.

https://www.elections.maryland.gov/about/election_security.html

This bill is unnecessary and only serves to respond to political falsehoods around the conduct of elections that do not occur in any number that would affect a Maryland election. **I respectfully urge this committee to return an unfavorable report on HB#/0192.**