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Maryland HB 859: Election Law – Absentee Ballot Requests, Delivery, and Marking

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Thank you for your consideration. I write to testify in favor of House Bill 859, Election Law – Absentee Ballot Requests, Delivery, and Marking, and urge a favorable report to improve elections and voting in Maryland.

For background, I am a professor at Howard University, and completed my doctoral studies in Technology Policy at MIT. My specialty includes technology management, and I began working on the technology of voting and fair elections in 2001 as part of the CalTech/MIT Voting Technology Project¹ following the problems that threatened the 2000 presidential elections. Our work warned about the need for major architectural changes for greater security if electronic voting were to be expanded. As a former co-chair of Montgomery County Chapter of the ACLU of Maryland, I led the committee dedicated to fair elections.