HB 642: Election Law - Registered Voter List and Petitions (Ballot Modernization Act)

Summary: For the purpose of requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations for the secure storage and use of voter data from the list of registered voters and specifying procedures and requirements relating to electronic signatures; establishing and altering certain provisions governing the petition process, including provisions regarding the collection and invalidation of signatures, use of electronic signatures, and attestations by petition circulators; repealing and altering prohibitions related to signature.

Target Audience:
House Ways and Means Committee -
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2. Feel free to adjust the language as you see fit.

3. While you are not REQUIRED to include your address and phone number, the representatives are much more likely to ignore the email because they will NOT know you are in their district.

4. Your Representatives:

https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Members/District

SAMPLE TEXT

Dear Delegates <insert ALL last names> and Senator <insert last name>

I am writing to you today to voice my support for HB 642 - Election Law - Registered Voter List and Petitions (Ballot Modernization Act)

HB 642 allows the use of electronic signatures on petitions to form new political parties (whereas current law/regulation requires wet signatures), and simplifies the information required on petitions. It allows groups who wish to form new parties access to voter lists (with appropriate safeguards for voter information), brings the petitioning process in line with modern digital information practice, and facilitates voter participation in the political process, all the while protecting the integrity of that process.

I urge you to support HB 642.

Respectfully,

<Insert your name>

<Insert home address and zip code>

<Insert phone number>