



House Bill 568

Election Law – Correctional Facilities – Voter
Registration and Voting

Hearing: February 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

OPPOSE

February 4, 2020

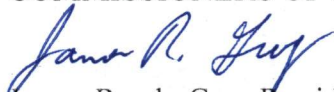
The Honorable Anne R. Kaiser, Chairman
House Ways and Means Committee
Room 131, House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Kaiser:

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County OPPOSE House Bill 568 - Election Law – Correctional Facilities – Voter Registration and Voting which is being heard on February 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Ways and Means Committee.

St. Mary's County does not support the bill as it creates extra duties and responsibilities for the releasing officer. In 2019, 1,244 inmates were released to the community. It is anticipated the extra measure as well as administrative responsibilities associated would be 30 minutes per inmate. Voter registration is a function of the Board of Elections. Currently, all inmates incarcerated who are eligible to vote are given the opportunity per State Law. Therefore, we OPPOSE the introduction of this legislation and do not believe this legislation would benefit the citizens of St. Mary's County. We look forward to working with you on this and other initiatives throughout the session.

Sincerely,
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY


James Randy Guy, President

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