

25 January 2023

Senate Committee on Judiciary

Re: Senate Bill 579

Dear Chair Senator Prozanski, Vice-Chair Senator Thatcher and members Senators Gelser Blouin, Linthicum and Manning jr.

I am opposed to Senate Bill 579.

I am in favor of convicted felons being able to vote in elections after they've served their time and made reparations for their crimes. I have friends who are convicted felons that have completed their sentences and have become productive members of our community. There is no reason they should not be allowed to vote.

That is fair.

However, allowing them to vote before they've served their sentence is not fair, is not right, it is not correct nor proper.

Please end Senate Bill 579 before it gets any further.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Wisner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Wisner