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**SB 372**

Election Law – Correctional Facilities – Voter  
Registration and Voting

Hearing: March 5, 2020

**OPPOSE**

February 6, 2020


Senator Paul G. Pinsky, Chairman  
Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee  
2 West  
Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Pinsky:

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County OPPOSE SB 372 - Election Law – Correctional Facilities – Voter Registration and Voting which is being heard on March 5, 2020 in the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs 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 that 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 and 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 will 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

  
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