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**Testimony from Patricia (Tricia) Rubacky on Primary Day Voting July 19, 2022**

I am submitting written testimony because I will be out of town on September 29, 2022, the date of the hearing about this topic.

On Maryland Primary Election Day, July 19, 2022, I arrived with my husband at the Keswick Multi-Care Center voting place and presented my voting card which stated that the Keswick was my voting place and that I live in District 41. At that time, I was told that despite the voter card information, I do not live in District 41, and I could not vote at the Keswick Center. The election judge printed a slip of paper for me that said I live in District 40. I was directed to the Fire Station on Roland Avenue in Hampden to vote. At the same time, with a different election judge, my husband, William F. (Bill) Merritt, had the same experience as I did. He was told he could not vote at the Keswick Center and should go to the Hampden Fire Station.

We also witnessed the same thing happen to numerous people who live at Roland Park Place (RPP), which is in the same block as Keswick Multi-Care Center on 40<sup>th</sup> St. (830 W. 40<sup>th</sup> St.). They were also being turned away from the Keswick voting center and being sent to the RP Fire Station to vote. Fortunately, RPP had a mini-bus available to take its residents over to the Fire Station in Hampden to vote. Most were senior citizens. My husband and I proceeded to walk over to the Roland Avenue Fire Station. We explained the instructions we had been told at the Keswick voting location, and we received ballots and were able to vote there.

When we went home, we checked the State Board of Elections website, which showed that our address is in District 41!! HOWEVER, we also checked the website that has the new state redistricting map, and it shows that we live in District 40. **Thus, we conclude that the Baltimore City Board of Elections' information is not consistent with the new redistricting map.**

To add to this confusion, last week I received a new voting card from Baltimore City Board of Elections to use for the November general election. That card states that I live in District 41, and I should vote at the Keswick Multi-Care Center! (My husband has not received a voting card for the November election yet). Making matters worse, my new voter card does not have my apartment number (376). Fortunately, the mail carrier found our mailbox. This building, the Rotunda Icon, has over 400 apartments, so official mail coming here really needs to have apartment numbers.

We hope that that with this hearing a remedy to this problem will be implemented very soon. I believe this glitch in the voting system likely resulted in many people not voting, either because they lacked time or mobility to get to the Hampden Fire Station to vote.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.