



Count Every Vote

Heather Mizeur has always taken seriously the right to vote. As a child, she organized mock Presidential elections at her elementary school, canvassed neighborhoods for her favorite candidates, and created sample ballots to educate her friends and family. On her 18th birthday, Heather sought special permission from her high school principal to take a half day off from school. She then drove to the County Courthouse and promptly registered to vote. The punch card absentee ballot Heather used to vote in that election is the most prized piece in her large political memorabilia collection.

Heather believes deeply in the importance of accurately counting every vote. While on the Takoma Park City Council, Heather voted to use paper ballots to conduct the city's 2005 municipal election. And as the Maryland State Director for the Kerry-Edwards campaign, Heather instituted a state-wide voter protection program that trained and deployed over 1,300 volunteer lawyers on Election Day.

There is an ever-growing crisis of confidence in our current electronic voting machines. We must work to provide a verifiable system that our voters can trust again.

Heather Mizeur joins TrueVoteMD, the Maryland League of Women Voters, Common Cause of Maryland, the ACLU of Maryland, and many others in strongly supporting legislation introduced by Delegate Sheila Hixson. House Bill 244 would require the State's electronic voting machines to produce a paper record that can be verified by the voter before a final vote is tallied.



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