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MARYLAND FREEDOM CAUCUS JOINS ONLY CITIZENS VOTE BUS TOUR IN ANNAPOLIS

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Annapolis, MD— This morning, members of the Maryland Freedom Caucus joined the Only Citizens Vote Bus Tour, sponsored by Tea Party Patriots (TPP), at its second-to-last stop of a three-week nationwide tour. Jenny Beth Martin, co-founder of TPP and host of the Annapolis event, has been rallying support across the country for the federal SAVE Act, which ensures that noncitizens are not allowed to vote in U.S. elections. The Annapolis stop featured Congressman Andy Harris, MD, who is chairman of the House Freedom Caucus.

Delegate Matt Morgan, Chair of the Maryland Freedom Caucus, told the crowd that Annapolis Democrats are out of touch on basic issues like election integrity: "What's become painfully obvious this legislative session is that if the people are on one side of an issue, and that issue conflicts with the agenda of the Democratic Party, the representatives here will follow the party every single time."

Polling consistently shows that voters strongly support election integrity measures such as requiring identification to cast a ballot and ensuring that only citizens vote.

Delegate Kathy Szeliga, Vice Chair of the Maryland Freedom Caucus, stressed the urgency of federal action: "Sixteen jurisdictions in Maryland allow noncitizens to vote. This is imperative that we pass this at the federal level to ensure that Only Citizens Vote."

She also highlighted the double standard of requiring a valid ID to enter the State House or congressional office buildings but not to cast a ballot in local elections.

Maryland Freedom Caucus Whip Ryan Nawrocki spoke about the national mission to pass the SAVE Act: "[God] has sent us a mission today to change the way that this country functions. Not just Maryland; the country! That's what these folks are doing and that's what the leadership of Congressman Harris is doing in Washington."

He added a reminder that voter fraud is not hypothetical: "About a decade or so ago, the Congressman ran against someone—a Democrat—who had committed voter fraud! Who had voted several times—illegally—in Florida and in Maryland, and got caught doing so."

Finally, Delegate Brian Chisholm of Anne Arundel County invoked the vision of the Founding Fathers: "What they believed was that if we could not preserve [the right to vote] for every individual, the republic was dead. And that's what I'm worried about right now is whether we have a republic if we have people voting who aren't citizens of the country they're sitting in."

The Maryland Freedom Caucus will continue to sponsor legislation in next year's session to strengthen election integrity through common-sense measures modeled after the federal SAVE Act. The caucus urges every Marylander to contact their senators and support this critical legislation.

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