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BEFORE THE SENATE ELECTIONS, ETHICS & LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE / February 21, 2019 RE: SB 132. Election Offenses; Electioneering Crime Changes. SUPPORT

Madame Chair and Fellow Members of the Elections, Ethics and Local Government Committee: Thank you for having a hearing on this proposed measure which simply speaks to several electionsrelated freedoms; specifically, the distance from a polling place on election day one may campaign and/or gather petition signatures and/or wear or can place signage, etc.

Procedurally, and I believe most expeditiously to the Committee's consideration and action, this Committee considered and passed favorably practically this same identical language just last year! HB 2256 (2017) was forwarded from this Committee to the Committee of the Whole on Feb. 5, 2018. Despite being "Passed Over and Retaining a Place on the Calendar" on Feb.15,2018, the bill died, as did every bill yet on Senate General Orders, on May 4, 2018.

These are well-reasoned, carefully crafted and debated measures which I hope this Committee passes favorably AGAIN before turnaround and implore our leadership to have it placed on General Orders. Again, I urge your support and will be happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.

Respectfully Submitted, David Haley Ranking Member / Senate Elections, Ethics & Local Government