

Frederick County Democratic Party Chair's Comments at the Frederick County Board of Elections meeting on February 4, 2026:

This past Sunday, the President suggested that the Republicans should take over the voting and "nationalize" elections in 15 places at least to protect the party from being voted out of office.

In response to a reporter's questions, the Speaker of the House said, "The president is expressing his frustration about the problems that we have in some of these blue states, where election integrity is not always guaranteed."

Last week, a Republican representative introduced a "Make Elections Great Again Act" Bill that would require all mailed ballots to be received by the election office before polls close and impose other restrictions. Let's also not forget about the USPS new delayed postmark rule.

And in these monthly Board meetings, I've repeatedly heard public commenters share similar views on the necessity of fair and integrity-driven elections.

You've heard me say this before, and I'll continue to say here and elsewhere that Frederick County and Maryland's elections are already fair and integrity-driven. No matter how many people make bogus claims, that doesn't make them true. True facts matter, not alternative facts. Fact: Over 60 court cases were filed after the big "2020 election was stolen" lie. While some cases were withdrawn, many courts found no merit, indicating that Trump lost due to widespread fraud. Or in the case of Kari Lake, when she filed a claim that her election was stolen.

The staff at the Board of Elections here in Maryland, and across blue states, have conducted themselves and their elections as voters have trusted for years. Again, it was only after the big lie in 2020 that people began attacking Election Offices and sowing doubt to try to discredit the outcomes.

I appreciate the hard, mostly thankless work you and the staff do to ensure our elections are safe, secure, and conducted with integrity. I also appreciate Gov. Moore's administration and our Attorney General Anthony Brown for their pushback against such false claims.

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