

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) today released the following statement in response to the Maryland Court of Appeals ruling that early voting in Maryland is unconstitutional.

"While I respect the Court of Appeals' ruling with regard to early voting, I disagree with it.

"We should be doing everything in our power to facilitate voting in our state and nation. Instead, this makes exercising the franchise more difficult.

"Nearly half of all states use some form of early voting, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, including the state of Texas, among the most Republican-leaning states in the union. It has proven to be a secure and convenient option for eligible voters who for whatever reason cannot vote on Election Day.

"Unfortunately, Maryland voters will be deprived of this option in November."

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