My name is Michael Fletcher and I live in Derwood MD. In the past, I have sent letters and presented public comments to the Board expressing concerns regarding the threat that electronic voting machines pose to the integrity of our elections. Today, I would like to bring your attention to recent information that bolsters my case for eliminating machines in our voting system.

First, you may be aware of the lawsuit filed in Maricopa County, AZ, regarding fraud in last month's election. This lawsuit points out significant problems with machines used in the elections. There is a hearing today to see if the lawsuit goes forward.

Second, a team of researchers studying voter roll accuracy has determined that electronic voter rolls pose a significant problem for election integrity. Access to electronic voter rolls allows real-time changes to be made. The researchers found:

- In one county that was analyzed, the researchers determined that approximately 42,000 changes to the election rolls were made within weeks of the election, about 21,000 new voters were added to the election rolls within 29 days of the election.

- In Florida, they found a street that did not exist – except for getting mail-in ballots returned. Ballots were mailed to those citizens and never found the voter. Voter registration cards were sent on a different date. A perceptive postman saw one of the names and knew the recipient. He delivered the card, and its recipient alerted the voter integrity team to the fake street.

- In Dallas, they ran tests showing people who voted in-person on day 3 of early voting had their ballots changed on day 11 to absentee.

Manipulation of electronic voter rolls is very difficult to detect because the change can be made and then changed back without election supervisors being aware. Voters can be changed from inactive to active and then changed back and how would anyone ever know?

Third, in recent years, there has been a trend towards centralizing voting systems. One of the beauties of our voting system in the USA is its decentralization. States run their voting systems. This makes it very difficult for those who would manipulate elections to affect country-wide election results. Unfortunately, in the name of national security, the federal government is pushing the country towards a centralized election system. An example of this is the ALBERT Sensor System.

Almost 100% of counties in the US have installed ALBERT Sensors. ALBERT is a "black box" server installed on a county's network. It collects the traffic flowing on their election network and transmits this data to a nonprofit in NY. It is a "black box" because the counties know little about the system. They are given no dashboard to see activity, no reports on what was captured, not even what ALBERT observed. In 2019, election data accumulated by ALBERT was moved to the Amazon cloud service. Our election data now leave a county and travel to parts unknown, possibly even overseas. Now, thanks to machines, Amazon has substantial involvement in our elections.

These are additional examples of why Montgomery County should not rely on voting machines.