

HB 128

Door-to-door vendors; local regulation, political parties exempted

My name is Jernay A. Wallace, I am a residence of Falls Church, VA and lived in Fairfax County since 1990. In addition, I am a member of a group advocating for issues that is important to women and diverse groups. I am also a member of the FCDC Women's Caucus, and the FCDC Labor Caucus.

On October 9, 2023, during the general election, I went to canvass in the Lincolnia area of Alexandria, VA. I was approached by a white male who insisted on calling the police. I felt threaten but was able to mitigate the situation by leaving the area. The following week, Dr. Ricardy Anderson, a candidate who was running for the School Board Mason District, went to the same location and was harassed and threatened by the same white male who insisted on calling the police.

The issue was escalated to Penny Gross, Supervisor of Mason district, who contacted the chief of police. The police arrived and informed the white male to return to his residence to allow Dr. Anderson to canvass in the area. Dr. Ricardy Anderson and I are both African American.

Hopefully, HB 128 will become a state law in the entire Commonwealth of Virginia. Thus far, this policy is only enforced in Fairfax County. Please refer to: Memorandum from the County of Fairfax, Virginia, Chief of Police, date on September 15, 2008 Please support and pass the HB 128, to ensure citizens can canvass without harassment regardless of their political preference.

Below you will find an attachment reference to substantiate the incident that occurred in Fairfax County.

- 1. The article in "Annandale Today" dated on October 19, 2023*
- 2. Email sent to Paul Davis, Chair of Fairfax democratic committee on October 8, 2023*
- 3. Marie Ann Leyko, testimony at the Fairfax Count General Assembly Delegations' Pre-legislative Session 2024 on January 8, 2024*
- 4. Memorandum from the county of Fairfax, Chief of Police, dated on September 15, 2008. County Code 31-1-2*

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