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## Testimony of The National Vote at Home Coalition

### In Support of Maryland's HB 759

Thank you Chair Pinsky and committee members for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB759. The National Vote at Home Institute is pleased to join local leaders in support of this measure and are grateful for your time and attention.

My name is Audrey Kline and I am the National Policy Director for the National Vote at Home Coalition (NVAHC), a nonpartisan nonprofit dedicated to making sure every American can vote in secure, safe, accessible, and equitable elections by expanding vote-at-home systems in all 50 states.

The National Vote at Home Coalition is a nonpartisan nonprofit dedicated to making sure every American can vote in secure, accessible, and equitable elections by expanding vote-at-home systems in all 50 states. NVAHC works with election officials in optimizing their administration processes and governing laws for both mail ballot and in-person voting methods. NVAHC works to remove legislative and administrative barriers and educate the public on the benefits of voting at home while still preserving the ability to vote in person for those who may want or need it.

With the spread of election misinformation, the need to reassure voters of the integrity of their vote is greater than ever. Improving the audits of election results is not only good for elections, but also good for voter confidence.

Currently in Maryland, election officials conduct standard audits of the results of elections. HB 759 will help Maryland reach the highest standard of post-election security by establishing a working group to come up with a plan to move towards risk-limiting audits. Risk-limiting audits are conducted using advanced statistical methods to gain the highest degree of accuracy, and are considered the "gold standard" in the election security community. Risk limiting audits will further ensure Maryland's elections are secure and accurate, so voters can be confident that the winners really did win the election.

We enthusiastically support HB759 to help Maryland ultimately perform the most secure audits possible, and would be happy to provide technical guidance.