

February 3, 2025

The Honorable Brian Feldman, Chairman and Members of the Education, Energy and Environment Committee Senate of Maryland Annapolis, Maryland

RE: SB0018 – Altering the Number of Days of Early Voting - FAVORABLE

Dear Chairman Feldman and Committee Members,

The Maryland Federation of Republican Women supports SB0018 to reduce the number of days of Early Voting by 3 days for both the Primary and General Elections. This will save money for the State, all 23 counties, and Baltimore City in this time of serious budget constraints.

While reducing costs, this change will also reduce stress on the local Election Boards, with fewer days to staff and fewer election judges to find. For candidates and our political parties, it will reduce the number of days they will need to cover the polls.

Eliminating 3 weekdays of Early Voting still provides those who work Monday-to-Friday an alternative in-person voting opportunity for 5 days, including a weekend. This is a win/win for Maryland voters.

We urge a **FAVORABLE** report for **SB0018**.

Sincerely, Ella Ennis Legislative Chairman