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The Honorable Brian Feldman, Chair
And Members of the Education,
Energy and Environment Committee
Senate of Maryland

RE: **SB0002** – Constitutional Amendment for Special Election to Fill a Vacancy -
FAVORABLE

Dear Chairman Feldman and Committee Members,

The Maryland Federation of Republican Women supports SB0002 to hold a special election at the time of the mid-term Primary and General Elections to fill vacancies for State Senator and Delegate.

Vacancies occur in every term for a number of reasons. When occurring early in a four-year term, replacements are appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Central Committee of the Party of the outgoing official. This leaves voters without a voice in determining who represents them in Annapolis.

In these situations, SB0002 restores the opportunity for voters to participate in selecting their representative without incurring the additional cost of a separate special election.

Holding the special election in conjunction with a mid-term Primary or General Election makes economic sense and preserves voter participation.

We urge a **FAVORABLE** report for **SB0002**.

Sincerely,
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