

February 9, 2026

Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
Maryland Senate
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: Senate Bill 241 (House Bill 115)
Election Law - Individuals Released From State Correctional Facilities - Automatic Restoration of
Voter Registration**

Position: FAVORABLE

Dear Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee Members:

Ranked Choice Voting Maryland (RCV Maryland) supports SB 241(HB 115) which would ensure eligible voters who are being released from Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) facilities have access to voter registration.

We believe every eligible voter should be able to fully participate in the electoral process. Voting is a cornerstone of our representative democracy. Voting is a fundamental right and we should not create additional burdens and hurdles for any voter in Maryland.

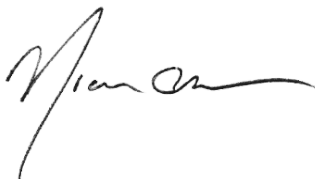
When we vote, it is an expression of our individual and collective desires on policy and our public servants. RCV Maryland believes our electoral process must ensure that every voice is heard and every vote is counted.

Currently, returning citizens who are eligible to vote still face bureaucratic obstacles in restoring their right to participate in elections. While Maryland has an automatic process to remove individuals from the voter rolls due to felony convictions and incarceration, it lacks an automatic system to restore their rights and facilitate their return to the democratic process.

SB 241 is vital because it ensures returning citizens are informed that their rights have been restored, thereby increasing their ability to access and participate in our elections.

RCV Maryland respectfully urges a favorable report for this legislation.

Sincerely,



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