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

Senate Bill 236 - Election Law - Certification of Election-Supporting Technology - Regulations, Review, and Evaluation.

Dear Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee Members:

As a member of the Annapolis City Council, I respectfully request your support for **SB 236**, *Election Law - Certification of Election-Supporting Technology - Regulations, Review, and Evaluation*.

Our election administrators at the local and state level do extraordinary work to ensure our elections are secure, accurate, and accessible. We entrust them to run our elections, and it is imperative that we equip them with the tools to do the work.

SB 236 is an important bill in supporting this vital democracy work. This bill would direct the State Board of Elections to certify election-supporting technology for ranked choice voting elections. As jurisdictions like mine and others across the state explore adopting ranked choice voting, election administrators deserve to have the option of accessing reliable tools that have been vetted at the state level.

By supporting SB 236, you are empowering local election administrators with trusted technology, reducing administrative burdens, and reinforcing Maryland's commitment to secure, transparent, and well-run elections. We should continue supporting the election officials who work tirelessly to ensure every Marylander's vote is counted accurately and fairly.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope the Education, Energy, and Environment Committee will give SB 236 a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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