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SB 236- FAV

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

Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

I respectfully urge your support for **SB 236**. 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.

As co-lead for Third Act Maryland, an organization of more than 1,000 climate and democracy activists 60 years or older, we are committed to ensuring free, fair and secure elections are critical to our democracy.

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 more jurisdictions explore or adopt ranked choice voting, election administrators need access to 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.

We respectfully urge the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee to give SB 236 full consideration and a favorable report.

Sincerely,
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