

IndivisibleHoCoMD



TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE EDUCATION, ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SB 236 - Election Law - Certification of Election-Supporting Technology - Regulations, Review, and Evaluation

POSITION: Favorable

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On behalf of our 1700+ Indivisible Howard County members, I am writing in support of SB 236. IndivisibleHoCoMD is an informal group of citizens in Howard County, MD, registered with the Indivisible Project's national network of local grassroots groups. We believe in fairness, tolerance, inclusion, and democracy.

SB 236 is an important bill which will 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.

SB 236 will empower local election administrators with trusted technology, reducing administrative burdens, and reinforcing Maryland's commitment to secure, transparent, and well-run elections.

Indivisible Howard County, representing 1700+ citizens in Maryland, urges a favorable report on SB 236.