

February 9, 2026

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

**Re: Senate Bill 236 (House Bill 1010)**  
**Election Law - Certification of Election-Supporting Technology - Regulations, Review, and Evaluation**

**Position: FAVORABLE**

Dear Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee Members:

Ranked Choice Voting Maryland (RCV Maryland) is dedicated to promoting transparent, secure, and accurate elections at all levels. **SB 236, Certification of Election-Supporting Technology** (cross-filed as HB 1010), is a vital bill to support strong elections in Maryland. We recognize the invaluable work of our election administrators and believe it is important to provide them with trusted, vetted tools to do their work.

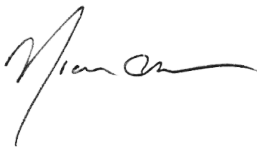
This legislation directly addresses feedback we have received from election administrators and elected officials: the need for vetted and compatible tools to support their elections. As more Maryland jurisdictions consider or adopt ranked choice voting, administrators want access to supporting technology that has been vetted and is compatible with state equipment.

SB 236 (HB 1010) directs the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations to evaluate and certify election-supporting technology for ranked choice voting. Passing this bill will empower local election administrators with trusted technology, reduce administrative burdens, and strengthen Maryland's commitment to secure, transparent, and well-run elections. It allows local boards and elected officials to assess implementation needs and requirements with greater confidence.

It is essential that we ensure election administrators have access to the necessary tools, procedures, and best practices to run secure and accessible elections, both now and in the future.

We urge a favorable report and thank you for considering SB 236 (HB 1010) and supporting the important work of our election officials.

Sincerely,



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