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**Testimony of Ranked Choice Voting Resource Center on Senate Bill 236**

On behalf of the Ranked Choice Voting Resource Center (RCVRC), we are pleased to offer this informational testimony on Senate Bill 236. The RCVRC is a 501(c)(3) nonpartisan nonprofit whose mission is to help make ranked choice voting elections successful. We support ranked choice voting (RCV) implementations nationwide by providing best practices, software tools, educational material, and other resources to anyone interested in the voting method. With decades of experience managing elections, our team has also administered statewide, municipal, and district ranked choice voting elections.

SB 236 provides greater clarity on election-supporting technology, enabling the state to deploy compliant technology efficiently.<sup>1</sup> RCVRC's RCTab is an example of election-supporting technology that could be used to run the round-by-round count in RCV contests.<sup>2</sup> RCTab is the most comprehensive RCV software to be tested under the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) and the first open-source software to meet VVSG standards.<sup>3</sup> Providing this clarity gives election officials using RCTab additional assurance when running RCV elections in Maryland.

SB 236 is a well-crafted bill to clarify the role of election-supporting technology in Maryland. RCVRC stands ready to assist Maryland with any ranked choice voting implementation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

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<sup>1</sup> Additional information about RCTab and election-supporting technology is available through the Ranked Choice Voting Resource Center's *Voting System Certification and RCTab Memo* at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sKaAviii5L5yplYXV1pFeOwlhfrConNo/view>.

<sup>2</sup> Ranked Choice Voting Resource Center, *RCTab*, [www.rcvresources.org/rctab](http://www.rcvresources.org/rctab) (last visited Feb. 9, 2026).

<sup>3</sup>The tabulator is compatible with Clear Ballot, ES&S, Hart, Liberty, and Unisyn data.