

February 9, 2026

The Honorable **Senator Brian J. Feldman**

Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

2 West Miller Senate Office Building

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Support for SB 73 — Accessible and Expedited Voting Act of Maryland

Dear Chair Feldman and Vice Chair Cheryl C. Kagan,

Maryland Latinos Unidos (MLU) is proud to support **Senate Bill 73**, *Election Law — Polling Place Procedures — Voting by Elderly Voters and Voters With Disabilities (Accessible and Expedited Voting Act of Maryland)*, before the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee. This bill improves voter accessibility by requiring enhanced training for election judges and expedited procedures at polling places and early voting centers to better serve elderly voters and voters with disabilities.

Accessible voting is essential for Latino voters who are elderly, have disabilities, or face language and mobility challenges that can make long waits and chaotic systems prohibitive. By implementing clear guidelines and training, Maryland can reduce barriers that disproportionately suppress participation.

Implications for Latino and Immigrant Marylanders

Improving polling place accessibility directly supports freedom to participate. When voters with disabilities or language needs encounter welcoming, streamlined, and well-organized voting environments, turnout improves and communities feel seen and valued. MLU will collaborate with disability advocacy and community organizations to ensure guidelines include language access resources and culturally competent support.

MLU urges the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee to report SB 73 favorably.

Sincerely,

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