

March 30, 2026

Government, Labor, and Elections (GLE) Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
145 Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Senate Bill 255 — Voting Rights Act of 2026

Position: FAVORABLE

Dear Honorable Chair Wells and GLE Committee Members:

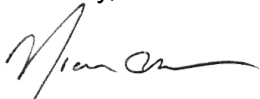
Ranked Choice Voting Maryland (RCV Maryland) is dedicated to improving elections and ensuring fair representation for all Marylanders. RCV Maryland strongly encourages the Committee to advance SB 255 without amendments.

Federal protections that have safeguarded voting rights for millions of Americans for over 60 years have been weakened over the last decade. The U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Louisiana v. Callais* could further eliminate protections that provide voters with remedies to discriminatory voting systems and practices.

Maryland must act now to protect voting rights. SB 255 creates a state pathway to address vote dilution and create fair representation.

We urge the Committee to pass SB 255 with a favorable report.

Sincerely,



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