

February 23, 2026

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

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

Position: FAVORABLE

Dear Government, Labor, and Elections Committee Members:

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

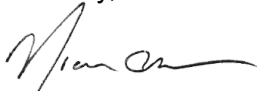
This legislation directly addresses feedback we have received from election administrators and elected officials: the need for trusted tools to support their elections. As more Maryland jurisdictions consider or adopt ranked choice voting, administrators want access to supporting technology that has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

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 for HB 1010 to support election officials across the state.

Sincerely,



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