

**February 25, 2026**

**Testimony on HB 1010**  
**Election Law - Certification of Election-Supporting Technology - Regulations, Review, and**  
**Evaluation**  
**Government, Labor, an Elections Committee**

**Position:** Favorable

Common Cause Maryland is in favor of HB 1010, which would direct the State Board of Elections to certify election-supporting technology for ranked choice voting elections. As more jurisdictions through the state explore or adopt ranked choice voting, election administrators need access to reliable tools that have been vetted at the state level.

Our election administrators at the local and state level do extraordinary work to ensure our elections are secure, accurate, and accessible. We entrust them to run our elections and it is imperative that we equip them with the necessary tools to do the work.

By supporting HB 1010, we empower local election administrators with trusted technology, reducing administrative burdens, and reinforcing Maryland's commitment to secure, transparent, and well-run elections. We should continue supporting the election officials who work tirelessly to ensure every Marylander's vote is counted accurately and fairly. This bill will give them the tools to do so.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge a favorable report on HB 1010.