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

**House Bill 1010 - Election Law - Certification of Election-Supporting Technology - Regulations, Review,  
and Evaluation - FAV**

Dear Government, Labor, and Elections Committee Members:

My name is Benjamin White, I urge you to support **HB 1010 (SB 236)**, *Election Law - Certification of Election-Supporting Technology - Regulations, Review, and Evaluation*.

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 tools to do the work.

*As a young adult, I have only had the privilege to vote in only one election, that being the 2024 election. I voted in both my party's primary and in the general election. Both times when showing up to vote, the staff that were helping this process happen were both kind, energetic, helpful, and most of all, very excited to help me cast my vote. As an American, I have waited my entire life to finally have a say in this sacred process, and when at the polls, it felt like everyone there was as enthusiastic as me in the belief that everyone gets a say in our republic. I remember mentioning this was my first time voting and all the officials around me congratulated me for this milestone in my civic life. The process was very streamlined, and every question was happily answered no matter how silly I personally thought the question was. In short, the officials who make this blessed process happen are dedicated patriots who work their hardest to ensure the American people have a say in their government.*

HB 1010 is an important bill in supporting this vital democratic work. This bill would direct the State Board of Elections to certify election-supporting technology for ranked choice voting elections. As more jurisdictions explore or adopt ranked choice voting, election administrators need access to reliable tools that have been vetted at the state level. *The "spoiler effect" that dominates the minds of voters is a conscious thought that there are limits on who one can vote for. Ranked choice voting eliminates this problem that plagues our voters by giving them the freedom not to vote for "the best chance" candidate as to not "waste" their vote. Through this system, voters can vote for the candidate they truly believe in while giving support to a potentially more popular candidate, avoiding the lesser of two evils dilemma.*

By supporting HB 1010, you are empowering 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.

Equip election administrators with the tools they need to succeed!

**I respectfully urge the Government, Labor, and Elections Committee to give HB1010 full consideration and a favorable report.**

Sincerely,

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