

**Testimony: HB 1010; Election Law - Certification of Election-Supporting
Technology - Regulations, Review, and Evaluation
Committee: Government, Labor, and Elections Committee
Hearing Date: February 25, 2026
Position: Favorable**

Chair, Melissa Well; Vice Chair, Kenneth Kerr; and Honorable Members of the
Committee

I have been a Maryland resident and homeowner for 24 years and voted in every
election. This bill is important if we are to have a respectable election process. Please
support it.

To have a functioning democracy, we must have election processes that are secure,
reliable, and defensible. That means we must have the equipment and technology
needed to support those processes.

Predictably, more Maryland jurisdictions will be choosing *Ranked Choice Voting* (RCV).
This bill would direct the State Board of Elections to certify election-supporting
technology for RCV elections. I have been waiting years for the State to allow
Montgomery County the ability to choose RCV.

At both the County and State levels, we often have many candidates resulting in
winners who did not receive a majority vote and in some cases received a small
percentage of the vote. That is not a healthy democracy.

Please support a well-functioning democracy by voting favorably on HB 1010.

Sincerely,



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