



February 23, 2026

Committee on Government, Labor, and Elections  
Maryland House of Delegates  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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

**Position: FAVORABLE**

**Written Testimony of Our Revolution Montgomery County - In Support of HB1010**

Our Revolution Montgomery County supports HB1010 to require the State Board of Elections to review and certify election technology that may be used to assist with the election tabulation or auditing process.

Jurisdictions, both in Maryland and around the nation, are recognizing the ways that Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) enhances democratic values and maximizes each voter's impact on election results.

The benefits of RCV include:

- 1) Ensuring the legitimacy of the victor in one-winner races - such as Governor and County Executive.
- 2) More equitable representation for minority communities in legislative bodies.
- 3) An end to the so-called spoiler effect.
- 4) Less negative campaigning - especially during primaries.
- 5) Greater voter involvement.

As more cities and counties embrace ranked choice voting (RCV), it is vital to maintain consistent supporting technology for auditing and tabulation. Election administrators need access to reliable tools that have been vetted. All of the major vendors who provide election equipment are capable of conducting ranked choice voting elections. However, they may require additional hardware and software.

HB1010 provides for the certification of these tools at the state level thereby saving both the State Board of Elections and local election boards time and money by eliminating duplicate

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requests for review or certification. In addition, HB1010 would provide one consistent standard for voting equipment and ensure uniform outcomes.

By passing HB1010 and its companion SB236, the General Assembly will:

- 1) Ensure that local election administrators are empowered with trusted technology.
- 2) Reduce administrative burdens on local and county governments.
- 3) Strengthen Maryland's commitment to secure, transparent, and well-run elections.

Let us support the election officials who work tirelessly to ensure every Marylander's vote is counted accurately and fairly.

**We urge the Committee on Government, Labor and Elections to give HB1010 full consideration and to issue a favorable report.**

Respectfully submitted,

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