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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 Robert Mackleer Jr. 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 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.

HB 1010 is an important bill in supporting this vital democracy 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. *I support Ranked Choice Voting because it offers me as a voter more choices than the current system and empowers my vote. If I am given the choice of a multiple choice test versus a pass/fail test, then I choose the multiple choice test. Ranked Choice Voting is like taking a multiple choice test instead of a pass/fail test. Additionally, many voters are feeling disenfranchised by the current system where their single vote appears to have little value. Ranked Choice Voting helps voters feel more enfranchised and encourages more voter participation.*

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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