

February 9, 2026

The Honorable [Insert Chair Name]
Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: Support for HB 0052 — Voting Rights for All Act

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

Maryland Latinos Unidos (MLU) supports **House Bill 0052**, *Election Law — Incarcerated Individuals — Voter Hotline and Voting Eligibility (Voting Rights for All Act)*, before the Government, Labor, and Elections Committee. HB 0052 requires the State Board of Elections to provide a toll-free voter hotline for incarcerated individuals and expands eligibility for voter registration to people serving sentences for felony convictions.

Latino voters are disproportionately impacted by incarceration and often lack reliable information about their civic rights. A voter hotline and clear rules around eligibility are practical tools to dismantle confusion that suppresses voting access.

Implications for Latino and Immigrant Marylanders

HB 0052 expands access by connecting people with real-time information about their voting rights and facilitating participation without unnecessary procedural barriers. For families and communities impacted by incarceration, this builds connection to civic life and begins to repair trust in democratic institutions.

MLU will support outreach campaigns and share multilingual voter rights materials to maximize the impact of this policy.

MLU urges the Government, Labor, and Elections Committee to issue a favorable report on HB 0052.

Sincerely,
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