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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 Sarah Lynch, I urge you to support **HB 1010 (SB 236)**, *Election Law - Certification of Election-Supporting Technology - Regulations, Review, and Evaluation*.

Over the past three decades of voting in Maryland and sometimes serving as an election judge, I have observed that our election administrators at the local and state level do extraordinary work to ensure our elections are secure, accurate, and accessible. I have full faith in their work as long as we equip them with the tools to do the work. I have seen first hand the quality of volunteers and paid staff that we are fortunate to have in Maryland.

I support all legislation, including SB 236, that strengthens and enhances democracy. I support the adoption of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) in Maryland elections and believe it is an important addition to our democracy toolbox. It is simple and easy to understand, improves representation and reduces the “spoiler” effect, and it is used in many jurisdictions including my own, Takoma Park.

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.

By supporting SB 236, 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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