

February 23, 2026

Government, Labor, and Elections Committee  
Maryland House of Delegates  
145 Lowe House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: House Bill 1010 / Senate Bill 236 - Election Law - Certification of Election-Supporting Technology - Regulations, Review, and Evaluation**

**Position: FAVORABLE**

Dear Government, Labor, and Elections Committee Members:

We, the undersigned organizations and elected leaders, urge your support for **HB 1010 (SB 236), Election Law - Certification of Election-Supporting Technology**.

We value and respect the work election administrators do at the local and state level. They are stewards of democracy and ensure our elections are secure, accurate, and accessible. Elections occur in our state every year and it is imperative that we equip administrators with the tools to do the work today and into the future.

As more cities and counties explore 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, there are additional tools available that may be necessary.

HB 1010 (SB 236) requires the state board of elections (SBE) to review and certify election technology that may be used to assist with the election tabulation or auditing process.

Certifying election-supporting tools at the state level would be a cost-effective and time-saving measure for the SBE and local boards. It would reduce duplicate requests for review or certification, allowing local boards and elected officials to assess implementation needs and requirements with more confidence.

By supporting HB 1010 (SB 236), you are taking tangible action to:

- Empower local election administrators with trusted, vetted technology.
- Reduce unnecessary administrative burdens and costs.
- Reinforce 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 Government, Labor, and Elections Committee to give HB 1010 full consideration and a favorable report.**

Respectfully submitted by the following elected officials and organizations:

**Elected Officials**

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**Organizations**

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Campaign Legal Center  
CAIR Maryland  
Common Cause Maryland  
Expand Democracy  
FairVote Action  
Green Party of Montgomery County  
Indivisible Howard County  
League of Women Voters of Maryland  
Maryland Forward Party  
National Council of Jewish Women, Maryland  
Our Revolution Montgomery County  
Ranked Choice Voting Maryland  
Rank the Vote Action  
RepresentWomen  
Shore Progress  
Step Up Maryland  
Third Act Maryland  
Veterans for Maryland Voters