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The Honorable Chair Wells
Members of the Government, Labor, and Elections Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chair Wells and Members of the Committee:

The Center for Election Science respectfully writes in support of House Bill 219, the Maryland Voting Rights Act of 2026 – Voter Intimidation and Suppression. This legislation represents an important effort to strengthen voter confidence, protect the integrity of the electoral process, and ensure equitable access to voting for all eligible Marylanders.

House Bill 219 promotes transparency in election administration by requiring meaningful public notice before changes are made to policies affecting voting rights. Clear and accessible communication regarding election procedures is essential to public trust and participation. When voters understand how elections are conducted, where and when to vote, and what assistance is available, they are better equipped to engage confidently in the democratic process.

Founded in 2011, the Center for Election Science (CES) is a national, nonpartisan nonprofit organization focused on improving elections through research, education, and practical reform. A core part of our mission is educating voters, policymakers, and election officials about election systems and administrative processes. Public education plays a critical role in reducing misinformation, preventing confusion, and fostering greater confidence in election outcomes.



CES has worked with election officials and civic leaders across the country and recognizes the complexity of administering elections fairly, securely, and accessibly. House Bill 219 helps address these challenges by discouraging intimidation and suppression, promoting equitable access for protected classes, and reinforcing standards that support both voters and election administrators.

We appreciate the General Assembly's commitment to protecting voting rights and promoting transparency, equity, and education in Maryland's elections. For these reasons, the Center for Election Science respectfully urges a favorable report on House Bill 219.

For more information on the Center for Election Science and its work related to voter education and election processes, please visit electionscience.org.

Sincerely,

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