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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 Desiree Fleagle and 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 do extraordinary 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.

As a registered voter in Maryland for 46 years, the election judges on site have always guided me through the process of voting, no matter what the set up or where I lived, ensuring it was as streamlined as possible and were always ready to answer questions, giving me the confidence that my vote was counted.

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. Our democracy is ultimately weakened when the winner has less than a majority of the votes. It is time to embrace the option of ranked choice voting. By supporting HB 1010 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.

I respectfully urge the Government, Labor, and Elections Committee to give HB1010 full consideration and a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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