



February 2, 2026

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

RE: **HB0050** – General Assembly -- Special Election to Fill a Vacancy in Office – **FAVORABLE**

Dear Chair Wells and Committee Members,

The Maryland Federation of Republican Women supports HB0050 to hold a special election at the time of the mid-term Primary and General Elections to fill vacancies for State Senator and Delegate.

In every term, there are vacancies for many reasons. When these vacancies occur early in a four-year term and replacements are appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Central Committee of the Party of the outgoing official, it leaves the voters without a voice in the process.

HB0050 provides the opportunity for voters to take part in the decision on who represents them without incurring the extra cost of a separate special election by holding the special election in conjunction with the mid-term Primary and General Election.

We urge you to vote a **FAVORABLE** Report for **HB0050**.

Sincerely,

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