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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:

I am testifying on behalf of [RepresentWomen](#) in support of HB 1010, *Election Law - Certification of Election-Supporting Technology - Regulations, Review, and Evaluation*.

Maryland's local and state election officials perform exceptional work to keep our elections secure, accurate, and accessible. We rely on them to administer our elections with integrity, and it's essential that we equip them with the resources and tools they need to carry out this responsibility effectively.

RepresentWomen tracks electoral outcomes for women in jurisdictions with [ranked choice voting](#) (RCV). Our mission is to increase women's representation and achieve gender balance in elected office by addressing the structural barriers women face in politics.

HB 1010 strengthens this work by directing the State Board of Elections to certify election-supporting technology for ranked choice voting elections based on jurisdictional needs. As ranked choice voting continues to be explored and implemented, maintaining public trust in the electoral process requires that election administrators have access to reliable, state-vetted technology. This bill ensures they have both the autonomy and the infrastructure necessary to administer RCV elections confidently and transparently.

[Our research shows that RCV reduces many of the barriers in winner-take-all elections](#), creating more opportunities for women to run and win. It also encourages more constructive campaigning by incentivizing candidates to seek "rank-me-second" votes from their opponents' voters, reducing negative attacks and increasing coalition-building. When voters can express their true preferences rather than vote strategically, more women are elected.

Supporting HB 1010 affirms your commitment to Maryland's election administrators and reinforces the state's dedication to secure, transparent, and well-administered elections. electoral process. Equip election administrators with the tools they need to succeed.

I respectfully ask you to support HB 1010.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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