

The Honorable Kyle R. Bailey

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

**In support of House Bill 1010: Election Law: Certification of Election-Supporting
Technology: Regulations, Review, and Evaluation - IN FAVOR**

Dear Government, Labor, and Elections Committee Members:

As a former Maine state representative and an advocate for protecting and strengthening our elections, I urge you to recommend passage of HB 1010 (SB 236), legislation that would equip elections administrators with the tools that they need to conduct elections in accordance with state laws and the will of the people.

As you know, a growing number of jurisdictions in Maryland are adopting ranked-choice voting for local elections. SB 236 seeks to promote security, accuracy, and transparency in elections by directing the Board of Elections to certify technology for conducting elections with ranked-choice voting.

Ranked-choice voting is a simple change to voting that has been tested, proven, and widely adopted across the U.S. to eliminate the “spoiler” effect, give more choices to voters, and increase turnout in elections. Today, 17 million U.S. voters in 23 states have the power to rank their vote in at least some elections.

I respectfully urge the Committee to issue a favorable report on HB1010.

Sincerely,

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