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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'm Merryl Azriel and I urge you to support **HB 1010 (SB 236)**, *Election Law - Certification of Election-Supporting Technology - Regulations, Review, and Evaluation*.

Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) is having a moment. Democracy advocates across the country were energized by the election of NYC Mayor Mamdani, which served to educate many more people about how RCV operates. We are seeing this enthusiasm take root in Maryland, where Takoma Park and Greenbelt have adopted RCV, with several other municipalities taking concrete steps to join them. It is likely that this year the General Assembly will finally pass a bill that allows Montgomery County to make its own determination on the value of RCV to our voters.

That brings us to HB1010. This bill enables all of these great developments in exercising democracy by directing 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.

By supporting HB1010, 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.

Please vote to equip election administrators with the tools they need to succeed!

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

Sincerely,

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