

March 23, 2026

Ways & Means Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
130 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Senate Bill 204 — Maryland Civic Excellence Program

Position: FAVORABLE

Dear Honorable Chair Wilkins and Ways & Means Committee Members:

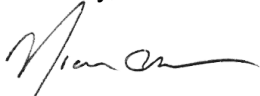
Ranked Choice Voting Maryland (RCV Maryland) is dedicated to improving elections at all levels. This includes ensuring all citizens are informed about elections, and promoting civic engagement and education. There are multiple benefits for all of us when we raise the level of civic participation – especially among our young people.

We know that when young people are civically engaged, they remain engaged for a lifetime.

SB 204 creates the Maryland Seal of Civic Excellence, a program that recognizes students who demonstrate civic knowledge, service, and commitment to their communities.

I urge a favorable report and thank the Ways & Means for taking time to consider this bill.

Sincerely,



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