MARYLAND
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Maryland State Board of Elections
151 West Street Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Observation Rights

Dear Board Members,

As we enter the 2024 election season we, the members of the Maryland Republican Party, look forward to working with the members of your board of elections to ensure that the observation rights of all candidates, committees, political parties, and the citizens of the State of Maryland are protected. We understand and appreciate all the tireless work that the Board of Elections puts into ensuring that the election process runs as smoothly and as accurately as possible. With that however, we also understand that sometimes things can get lost in the shuffle, especially with the newest changes in the elections laws and rules.

As such, we want to remind you that we will be playing our part in the election process via observing the canvassing processes. Maryland Code, Election Law § 11-101; MD Code, Election Law, § 11-301. The Maryland Republican Party will have designated observers, watchers, and challengers at the board of elections and polling locations during the canvassing process. They will be observing each part of the canvassing process in accordance with COMAR 33.08.03.02, including the actions by the election judges and board members through the process.

Additionally, we will have observers, watcher, and challengers observe the mail-in and provisional canvasses. This is to include, all sessions of the canvassing board, including observing the canvassing teams review, scan, and open mail-in ballot envelopes and open provisional ballot applications. *See* INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION FOR CHALLENGERS, WATCHERS, AND OTHER ELECTION OBSERVERS, Linda H. Lamone, State Board of Elections, Reissued October 14, 2022.

The Maryland Republican Party looks forward towards building bridges with the Board of Elections to ensure the observation rights of all registered voters are protected. Should there be any issues please free to contact us at info@mdgop.org.

Sincerely,

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