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Dear Harford County Board of Elections Members & Election Director,

On behalf of the Maryland Republican Party, I want to express our sincere appreciation for the continued work of your local Board of Elections in administering fair, transparent, and orderly elections. We share that commitment, and would welcome the opportunity to support your efforts by helping to recruit qualified Republican volunteers who are willing to serve as election judges.

Attached with this note is a letter from our Maryland GOP General Counsel reviewing election judge parity requirements.

One of the key principles that strengthens confidence in our election system is the commitment to partisan parity in the administration of elections. Ensuring that both major political parties are represented at polling places helps reinforce transparency, accountability, and public trust in the electoral process. Both our local party and the Maryland GOP are committed to assist in identifying individuals who are prepared to take on this responsibility and contribute to the integrity of the election process.

Our goal is to establish a clear channel of communication on this and all election integrity related issues. We look forward to partnering with you on this important effort and stand ready to assist.

Thank you again for your service and commitment to this critical responsibility.

Sincerely,  
Nicole Beus Harris  
Chairwoman, MDGOP

cc: County Republican Party

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MARYLAND  
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March 6, 2026

VIA U.S. and Electronic Mail

Jared De Marinis, Director  
Maryland State Board of Elections  
151 West Street  
Suite 200  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: Republican Election Judge Applicants & Compliance with MD Code, Election Law § 10-201  
(Effective October 1, 2025) and Policy 2025-04**

Dear Director DeMarinis:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Maryland Republican Party regarding Republican election judge applicants and their compliance with the above-referenced election laws and policies. Our primary objective is to address the issues and proposals related to electoral parity set forth below.

We wish to emphasize the importance of ensuring fair and equitable electoral processes. There are several key areas where improvements are necessary to achieve this goal. We urge the Board to consider these recommendations seriously and to implement changes that will enhance the integrity and fairness of our elections.

A prime example is the language promulgated in Section 10-201(b)(1), effective October 1, 2025, which states:

“Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, to the extent practicable, each polling place shall have an equal number of election judges, including chief judges designated under § 10-203, from: (i) the majority party; and

(ii) the principal minority party.” Although the statute now includes the phrase “to the extent practicable,” this language does not dilute the obligation. It imposes a duty of affirmative effort and documented good-faith compliance. Parity remains the governing standard.

Where parity is not achieved, the Board must be prepared to demonstrate that it took all reasonable efforts to secure a balanced representation of the Parties. This is crucial for maintaining public confidence in the electoral system.

The limited statutory exceptions, inclusive of the provisions allowing unaffiliated or minor judges when six (6) or more judges are assigned, as well as the forty-five (45) day chief judge contingency, are narrow in scope and do not authorize routine deviation from bipartisan parity standards.

Policy 2025-04 reinforces these statutory requirements by mandating monthly vacancy reporting beginning February 2026, including polling place identification and party breakdown by judge type. This reporting requirement exists precisely to prevent parity deficiencies from persisting unchecked.

We understand the complexities involved in electoral administration and appreciate the Board's ongoing efforts to uphold democratic principles. However, we believe election judge parity is a structural safeguard designed to ensure integrity at the polling place. We trust that each Board will review its staffing assignments, document its recruiting efforts and confirm complete compliance with MD Code, Election Law § 10-201, and Policy 2025-04. We are eager to collaborate with all Boards to ensure strict adherence to the law.

Please feel free to contact me at [grobinson@robinsonfirmllc.com](mailto:grobinson@robinsonfirmllc.com) should you require further information or wish to discuss these matters in more detail. We look forward to your positive response and to working together towards a more equitable electoral process.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Sincerely,

George S. Robinson, IV,  
General Counsel, MDGOP

GSR/vs

cc: Michael G. Summers, Chairman  
Jim Shalleck, Vice Chairman  
Victoria Jackson-Stanley  
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