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House Rules and Executive Nominations

RE: Support HB 107 “Legislative Voting Sunshine Act”

Dear Members of the Committee:

The Maryland League of Conservation Voters (LCV) is pleased to join with other conservation, open government, and advocacy groups in urging your support of HB 107 “Legislative Voting Sunshine Act.”

For over 30 years, Maryland LCV has advocated for sound conservation policies, worked to get pro-environment candidates elected, and held elected officials accountable for their votes and actions with our legislative scorecard. The fact that committee votes are not available online is a burden to our small staff and all volunteer board.

We thank the leadership of the General Assembly for their recent voluntarily adoption of many of the requirements of legislation to ensure open and transparent government. This legislation would simply codify those actions.

Again, this legislation would make our mission of protecting the environment and holding elected officials accountable to protecting our air, land, and water more effective.

We wish to thank Delegate Ali for his leadership, the committee for its consideration and respectfully request a favorable report.

Cindy Schwartz
Executive Director

For more than 30 years, the Maryland League of Conservation Voters has been the independent political voice for the environment in our state. Maryland LCV is dedicated to making environmental protection and restoration a top priority for Maryland’s elected officials, appointed leaders, candidates and voters. The Maryland League of Conservation Voters advocates for sound conservation policies, works to get pro-environment candidates elected, and holds elected officials accountable for their votes and actions.