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To: Election Stakeholders

From: Wendy Adkins, Election Director

Re: Risk-Limiting Audit – 2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election

Election Law Article 11-309 of the Annotated Code of Maryland requires that election officials conduct a risk-limiting after each primary and general election.

The St. Mary's County Board of Elections will conduct the risk-limiting audit of the 2026 Primary Election starting on Friday, July 17, 2026, at 9:00am. This audit will take one day to complete and will take place at the St. Mary's County Board of Elections, located at 23250 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. The audit is open to the public. Members of the public must follow the Rules of Conduct for Post-Election Audit Observers and elections officials' directions while observing the risk-limiting audit.

The St. Mary's County Board of Elections will manually tally a sample of votes cast for Republican Governor contest and compare the results of the manual tally against the results from our voting system. This process will confirm the accuracy of reported results of the 2026 Primary Election.

The State Board of Elections randomly selected the contest to be audited during this risk-limiting audit. After counties upload ballot spreadsheets into the open-source audit software tool that Maryland uses for risk-limiting audits - called Arlo - the State Administrator of Elections will generate a random 20-digit seed number during a livestreamed dice roll. The State Board of Elections will enter that seed number into the audit software, which will select a random list of ballot batches for local boards of election to retrieve and hand-tally.

Members of the public will be permitted to review the final list of ballot batches chosen for audit by their identifying name or code numbers, and machine and hand counts of the votes in each chosen batch of ballots.