



JOHN A. OLSZEWSKI, JR.
County Executive

February 23, 2023

The Honorable Senate President Bill Ferguson
H-107 State House 100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Speaker Adrienne Jones
State House, H-101, State Circle,
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senate President Ferguson and Speaker Adrienne Jones:

On behalf of the residents of Baltimore County, we thank you both for your continued commitment to serving all our neighbors and communities. As leaders we have an obligation to do all we can to empower as many residents as possible to fulfill their civic duty and participate in our Democracy.

We are very thankful that, under your leadership, Maryland has taken important actions in recent years to promote and expand the fundamental right to vote, including permanently expanding mail-in voting, increasing the number of early voting centers across the state, and making voting materials more accessible.

As you may be aware, Maryland's 2024 Primary Election is currently scheduled for April 23, 2024, which unfortunately coincides with the first full day of the Passover holiday. As a major Jewish holiday, we know that Jewish residents in Baltimore County and across the state will be observing the holiday on that day, which would preclude them from voting under Jewish law.

We recognize that changing the date of the primary election requires an act of the General Assembly, and I write today to share Baltimore County's strong support of efforts to adjust the date of Maryland's 2024 Primary Election in order to more fully accommodate our Jewish residents. Baltimore County remains willing to work in partnership with you all to support this adjustment, and remains prepared to provide the resources and support necessary to ensure a smooth and successful primary election.

Thank you again for your continued dedication to all our residents, your consistent efforts to support and expand the right to vote for Marylanders, and your consideration of Baltimore County's support for this change to Maryland's 2024 Primary Election date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Olszewski, Jr." in a cursive script.

John A. Olszewski, Jr.
Baltimore County Executive