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VIA EMAIL

Dear Professor Vora:

Thank you for contacting me to express your thoughtful concerns regarding the security of Maryland's elections and issues with online ballot delivery. Ensuring that every citizen of our state is able to count on the validity of our election results is paramount for preserving faith in our democracy, and so I truly appreciate your advocacy on this matter.

Our country stands on strong democratic values that understand the importance of maintaining a free and independent election system, particularly during these times of continual technological advances. Considering the very serious concerns you raise regarding cyber threats and the possibility of infiltration from outside organizations and governments, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, the State Board of Elections and the Election Assistance Commission held a joint hearing this past summer to discuss legislative strategies and improvements to the security of the system. As we move forward, I assure you that I am committed to protecting our State from all cyber threats, including ones attempting to meddle in our elections, and will remember your concerns should related legislation come before me on the Senate Floor this session.

Always fighting to make our elections accessible, open, and transparent, while protecting our voters' voices and the integrity of our valued election system, I thank you again for reaching out to me on this matter and hope that you will not hesitate to continue to contact me on this or any other issues of importance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "TVM", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.

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