



State of Maryland Challenger & Watcher Certificate

Part I – Instructions and Information

Instructions to Designating Candidate or Entity: You may designate a Maryland registered voter as a challenger and watcher if you are: (a) a candidate; (b) a political party; or (c) any other group of voters supporting or opposing a candidate, principle, or proposition on the ballot. (To be eligible, the group of voters must form a political committee under section 13-207 of the Election Law Article.)

Before designating any individuals, please read the State Board of Elections' *Instructions and Information for Challengers, Watchers, and Other Election Observers* (available at www.elections.state.md.us/get_involved/index.html). Please provide the State Board's instructions to any individual you designated as a challenger and watcher.

Instructions to Challenger and Watcher: Please read the State Board of Elections' *Instructions and Information for Challengers, Watchers, and Other Election Observers* (available from your designating candidate or entity or at the website listed above). You must have this certificate when you are acting as a challenger or watcher; you will not be permitted to remain in the voting area without a signed certificate. Give an extra copy of this signed certificate to the election judges when you arrive at an early voting center or polling place.

As a challenger and watcher, you have the right to:

- Enter the voting area at least (but no later than) 30 minutes before voting hours begin;
- Enter or be present in the voting area at any time during voting hours;
- Remain in the voting area until all post-voting tasks have been completed and the election judges leave the voting area;
- Maintain a list of registered voters who have cast a ballot or individuals who have cast provisional ballots; Enter and leave the voting area to take outside information that identifies individuals who have cast ballots; and
- Be positioned near the election judges so that you may see and hear each voter as the voter checks in to vote

You **cannot** attempt to: (a) determine how a voter voted or intends to vote; (b) talk with any voter in the voting area; (c) assist any voter in voting; (d) physically handle an original election document or equipment; (e) interfere with the election process or impede a voter's access to election judges; or (f) use a cell phone, laptop or other electronic equipment in a voting area.

You may be removed by an election judge if you do not follow an election judge's order or attempt a prohibited act.

Part II – Certificate Designating Challenger and Watcher

I/We certify that _____ has designated _____, a
Name of Designating Candidate or Entity Name of Challenger/Watcher

registered voter, to act as a challenger or watcher for the ☐ 20____ Primary Election OR ☐ 20____ General Election.
(check only one)

This individual will act in this capacity ☐ on election day (complete Part A) and/or ☐ during early voting (complete Part B).
(check all that apply)

Part A: I/We designate this individual as a Challenger or Watcher for the following precinct(s) on election day:

| District/Precinct or Ward/Precinct | Name of County or Baltimore City |
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Part B: I/We designate this individual as a Challenger or Watcher on the following days and at the following early voting locations:

| Early Voting Dates | Name of Early Voting Center | Name of County or Baltimore City |
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I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this document are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Signature of Designating Candidate or Designated Entity

Phone and Email

Office Sought by Candidate

Date