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 Boards' 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.

What rights do I have as a challenger and watcher have? You have the right to:

- Enter the voting area 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; or (d) physically handle an original election document or equipment.

You may be removed by an election judge if you do not follow an election judges' 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 ○ 2010 Primary Election OR ○ 2010 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

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

_____ Signature of Designating Candidate or Officer of Designating Entity

_____ Office Sought by Candidate

_____ Date