

Maryland
Holding Power Accountable

**This sample email can be used by Maryland HBCUs or student organizations on these campuses for outreach to Maryland voters. If you have questions about this sample email, please email Joanne Antoine at jantoine@commoncause.org*

[name],

The Presidential election is only a few weeks away. Every eligible Marylander will have the option to vote by mail, early in-person, or on Election Day. **We want to make sure that you have all the information you need to vote safely, whether by mail or in-person.**

Are you registered to vote? Have you confirmed your registration?

1. Register to vote by the **Oct. 13th deadline**: elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration
2. Take a few moments to **verify your voter registration** -- even if you think you're registered or have cast a ballot recently, you may not be on the voter rolls. [Check here.](#)

Planning on voting-by-mail?

1. Request your mail-in ballot by the **Oct. 20th deadline**: voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/onlinemailinrequest/InstructionsStep1
2. **Drop your ballot off at a secure drop box location**: There are several secure drop box locations available in your county, which can be found [here](#).
3. **Mail in your ballot**: We recommend dropping our ballot off at a secure drop box, but if you choose to send it in by mail, your ballot has to be postmarked by Nov. 3rd. The return envelope is prepaid so there's no need to attach a stamp!
4. Whether you are dropping off or mailing your ballot, **make sure you sign and date the return envelope**. Otherwise, your ballot won't be counted.

Planning on voting in-person?

1. **Follow CDC guidelines when heading to the polls**: Wear a mask, bring your own black pen, and be prepared to wait in line while observing social distancing guidelines.
2. **Check your Vote Center location before heading out to vote**: You can vote early or on Election Day at any of the Vote Centers in your county. Those locations can be found [here](#).

Have any questions or problems voting, either by mail or in-person?

1. **Call the nonpartisan "Election Protection Hotline"**: Volunteers will be able to answer your questions. English-speaking voters can call **866-OUR-VOTE**. Help is also available in Spanish (**888-VE-Y-VOTA**), Arabic (**844-YALLA-US**) and Asian languages (**888-API-VOTE**).

Make sure your voice is heard this November. Reach out if you have any questions as you make your plan to vote by November 3rd.

Thank you for being a voter,
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