

Indivisible HoCo MD

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SB0515 - ELECTIONS - VOTER REGISTRATION AGE - ALTERATION

Position: FAVORABLE

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On behalf of Indivisible Howard County, a grassroots organization of 700+ members who embrace progressive values and strive to defend our democracy, I am writing to support SB0515.

SB0515 would change the earliest age of Maryland voter pre-registration from 16 years to 15 years and 9 months, allowing Maryland teens to become pre-registered voters when obtaining their MVA driving learner's permits. This process would acquaint our young citizens with civic participation at an even earlier age and also present them with the idea of and opportunity to become much needed election judges on Election Day.

Let's provide the opportunity for our young Marylanders to learn even earlier on about both the privilege of voting and the responsibility of upholding our free and fair elections.

