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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
IN SUPPORT OF
HB 1306 – MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY COUNCIL – ELECTION
SECURITY AND HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS**

February 26, 2021

Get Money Out (GMOM) is an all-volunteer organization established eight years ago. We want all citizens to have equal access to the ballot and an equal say in governance. Through our grassroots actions, we have signed up over 9,000 supporters.

GMOM cares deeply about the rights of people to vote and have confidence in that vote. In this digital age one of the most important issue that must be addressed is the cybersecurity of an institution. **HB 1306** calls for monitoring the effectiveness of the security methods the state is taking when it comes to election security. The importance of the step cannot be overlooked. The landscape of our digital world changes almost daily. A system that once worked can become irrelevant overnight.

A cyberattack against our election database, software, or hardware could be disastrous in scope and devastating in impact. That is why elections deserve special attention from the Cybersecurity Council. Persistent monitoring of the protections over our elections is something that every citizen of Maryland deserves. It is only through this process that we can have a continued confidence in our elections as well.

GMOM urges a favorable vote on **HB 1306**.