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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
IN SUPPORT OF HB 1345 – MAIL–IN VOTING –CERTIFICATION OF
ASSISTANCE, DESIGN OF MATERIALS, AND BALLOT CURING**

March 9, 2021

Get Money Out (GMOM) is an all-volunteer organization that was established just over eight years ago. We now have signed up more than 9,000 citizen supporters. We work in Maryland towards the goal that all citizens should have equal access to the ballot and an equal say in governance.

We support the reforms in this bill that will standardize procedures and materials for mail-in voting across the State. If a voter votes in person, the election judges will make sure that the voter signs the affirmation necessary to have the vote counted. We completely support the intent of this bill to make sure that, if a voter forgets to sign a mail-in ballot, there will be reasonable chance to correct the omission – just as there would if the voter went to the polling place or early voting center.

The voting process should be accessible to every voter, and this bill furthers that goal. Please issue a favorable report on **HB 1345**.