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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
IN SUPPORT OF
HB 695 - State Board of Elections – Campaign Finance Reporting Database –
Study
February 9, 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.

House Bill 695 asks the State Board of Elections to study how it could make its online campaign finance reports much more useful to the voting public by providing real time information. The delay in reporting this information hamstrings news media, advocacy organizations, and the voters who seek to understand the economic motivations of candidates and their donors while the campaign is going on. News organizations already have this type of timely access for federal campaigns, and we should have it for Maryland elections. It's time to bring Maryland voters into the 21st century by enabling them the rapid access to election results that modern technology provides. Please issue a favorable report.