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To: The Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbeary  
Chair, Ways and Means Committee

From: The Office of the Attorney General

Re: HB 538 – The Voting Rights Protection Act of 2022 – **Support**

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The Office of Attorney General (the "OAG") urges this Committee to favorably report HB 538.

House Bill 538 would extend early voting from 8 to 11 days so that it ends on the Sunday before Election Day rather than the Thursday before Election Day. Early Voting is popular with voters, and provides an in-person voting opportunity for voters whose employment, family, or other obligations may make voting difficult on Election Day. Extending the early voting period to encompass the weekend before Election Day gives voters for whom work-week voting may be difficult an additional opportunity, immediately preceding the election, to cast their ballots in person.

For the foregoing reasons, the Office of the Attorney General urges a favorable report on House Bill 538.

cc: Members of the Ways and Means Committee