

# Indivisible HoCoMD

## **TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**

**HB745 - Election Law - Ballot Canvassing - Multiple Ballots Cast by and Individual  
Bill Sponsor: Delegate Feldmark**

## **POSITION: FAVORABLE**

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Indivisible Howard County supports HB745 and is looking for a favorable report on this bill.

There is already a method in place for handling the possibility of someone casting two absentee ballots. One of those ballots is counted.

There should also be a process in place for reconciling the casting of an absentee ballot and a provisional ballot by the same individual in the same election. There could be any number of reasons why someone would accidentally send in an absentee ballot and then go to the polls to cast a provisional ballot, but their vote should still count.

This bill would remedy the current practice whereby both ballots are left uncounted. We believe in fair elections and that everyone's vote should count.