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Committee: Ways and Means

Testimony on: HB0951- Election Law – Election Officials and Workers – Prohibitions Against Interference and Disclosure of Personal Information

Position: Favorable

Hearing Date: February 28, 2023

Bill Contact: Delegate Dana Jones

DoTheMostGood (DTMG) is a progressive grassroots organization with members in all districts in Montgomery County as well as several neighboring counties. DTMG supports legislation and activities that protect the fundamental rights of all Maryland residents, and which promote equity across all our diverse communities.

DTMG enthusiastically supports HB0951- Election Law – Election Officials and Workers – Prohibitions Against Interference and Disclosure of Personal Information. This bill would provide needed protection of election officials and workers from intimidation and harm by individuals attempting to interfere with the electoral processes in Maryland.

The drastic shortage of election officials and workers that Maryland has seen since the chaos of the 2020 elections had a serious negative impact on Maryland's 2022 elections—prohibiting many voters from casting their votes and made the process difficult for many who did vote.

In sum, DTMG applauds this bill for taking significant steps to protect our election officials and workers and subjecting any individual who violates these protections to significant penalties. Ensuring election officials and workers that they will be safe when performing their duties is the foundation of conducting free and open elections that are equally available to all eligible voters.

DTMG strongly supports HB0951 and urges a **FAVORABLE** report on the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Noveau".

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