

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

HB 215 - Ranked Choice Voting in Contests for Presidential Nomination and Certification of Election – Supporting Technology

POSITION: FAVORABLE

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On behalf of our 800+ Indivisible Howard County members, I am writing in support of HB 215 – Ranked Choice Voting in Contests for Presidential Nomination and Certification of Election – Supporting Technology

Our support for this bill is based on the following:

- Everyone's vote counts and each voting person is represented.
- Creates a more civil campaign where candidates must appeal to a broader base.
- Attracts individuals that might not identify with the two-party system.
- Candidates win by attracting the majority vote.

Indivisible Howard County, representing 800+ citizens in Maryland, urges a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 215.