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TESTIMONY FOR HB 710
ELECTION LAW - INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS - VOTER HOTLINE AND ELIGIBILITY
(VOTING RIGHTS FOR ALL ACT)
Bill Sponsor: Delegate Wilkins
Committee: Ways and Means
Organization Submitting: Indivisible Howard County
Person Submitting: Marijane Monck - Co-Facilitator Defend Democracy Team
Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting testimony in favor of House Bill 710 on behalf of Indivisible Howard County.

Indivisible Howard County is an 900+ member organization comprising numerous action teams. The Defend Democracy Team works on issues involving campaign finance and election integrity.

The Voting Rights for All Act expands voting access by establishing a voter hotline for incarcerated individuals and allowing people with felony convictions who are currently serving to vote. History tells us that discriminatory practices have suppressed Black voters. This act is a step toward putting to right past injustices to ensure ALL citizens have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process.

We support this bill and recommend a FAVORABLE report.