

IndivisibleHoCoMD



TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE EDUCATION, ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

HB 333: General Assembly Vacancy - Political Party Central Committee - Procedures

POSITION: Favorable

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On behalf of our 1800+ Indivisible Howard County members, I am writing in support of HB 333. IndivisibleHoCoMD is an informal group of citizens in Howard County, MD, registered with the Indivisible Project's national network of local grassroots groups. We believe in fairness, tolerance, inclusion, and democracy.

This bi-partisan bill, which has passed in the House twice in recent years, will modify the current appointment process to fill vacancies in the Maryland Legislative Assembly to ensure transparency and public inclusion, just as the election process does.

It will restore public trust in our democratic processes. It is a needed complement to SB 5/HB 50 which we hope will also pass.

Indivisible Howard County, representing 1800+ citizens in Maryland, urges a favorable report on HB 333.