

# IndivisibleHoCoMD



## **TESTIMONY TO THE GOVERNMENT, LABOR AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

**HB 871 - Election Law - Enhanced Automatic Voter Registration System**

### **POSITION: Favorable**

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**Date: Hearing Date**

On behalf of our 1700+ Indivisible Howard County members, I am writing in support of HB 871. 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.

HB 871 will upgrade Maryland's partial automatic voter registration system. Enhanced automatic voter registration improves the accuracy of voter rolls, saves time and money, and filters out known non-citizens, preventing mistakes. It is a common sense measure that has already been adopted in 11 states and Washington D.C.

At a time when the federal administration is unleashing attacks on voting rights across the country, including and especially in Maryland, we cannot stand by and wait for a more opportune time. The people of Maryland deserve a democracy that works for them, not against them.

**Indivisible Howard County, representing 1700+ citizens in Maryland, urges a favorable report on HB 871.**