

IndivisibleHoCoMD



TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT, LABOR AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

HB 350 - Voting Rights Act of 2026 - Counties and Municipal Corporations

POSITION: Favorable

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On behalf of our 1700+ Indivisible Howard County members, I am writing in support of HB 350. 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.

Every Maryland citizen deserves to participate in our democratic process and vote on an even playing field. But in Maryland, there are still outdated election systems that deny voters equal power at the ballot box and fair representation. The reforms proposed in this important bill will ensure that the state is able to take action if a government has an election system that weakens the voting power of certain communities. They are essential, particularly at this time when federal voting rights protections have been weakened by various Supreme Court rulings and enforcement has become increasingly uncertain, and must become state law to protect our democracy and minority voters in Maryland.

Therefore, **Indivisible Howard County, representing 1700+ citizens in Maryland, urges a FAVORABLE report on HB 350.**