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COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

TESTIMONY ON: HB0746 - Election Law – Absentee Ballot Envelopes – Party Affiliation

POSITION: FAVORABLE

HEARING DATE: February 16, 2021

BILL SPONSOR: Delegate William Wivell

DoTheMostGood (DTMG) is a progressive grass-roots organization with more than 2500 members who live in a wide range of communities in Montgomery and Frederick Counties, from Bethesda near the DC line north to Frederick and from Poolesville east to Silver Spring and Olney. DTMG supports legislation and activities that keep all the members of our communities healthy and safe in a clean environment, uplift all members of our communities, and promote equity across all our communities. DTMG strongly supports HB0541 because it will ensure privacy in mail-in voting.

More and more Maryland voters are taking advantage of the convenience of mail-in voting.

HB0746 will prohibit any markings on ballot envelopes that could visibly identify the party affiliation of the voter. This just makes sense and will ensure that all ballots are treated equitably during mailing, collection, and processing.

Therefore, DoTheMostGood strongly recommends a **FAVORABLE** report on HB0746.

Respectfully submitted,

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