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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
IN SUPPORT OF
HB 0745 – ELECTION LAW – EARLY VOTING CENTERS –
NUMBER REQUIRED**

February 16, 2021

Get Money Out (GMOM) is an all-volunteer organization established eight years ago. We want all citizens to have equal access to the ballot and an equal say in governance. Through our grassroots actions, we have signed up over 9,000 supporters.

A key goal of GMOM is the make voting easy and accessible to all people. Under HB 0745 the distribution of early voting centers would be increased for many counties under a new set of population intervals.

GMOM supports this idea because it makes voting more accessible. One can easily imagine a voter showing up to vote and finding a long line and wait time. That voter does not have the time to wait and leaves. They are discouraged and perhaps never return to vote.

We have just been through an election with much higher voter participation than we have experienced in many years. We certainly hope this trend will continue. But there is no guarantee that the vastly increased use of mail-in voting will continue. If it does not, this bill will be an important step to increase accessibility for working voters. GMOM would request the committee to vote favorably on HB 0745.