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Chairman Coley, Vice Chair Uecker, Ranking Member Schiavoni, and distinguished members of the Government Oversight and Reform Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 204. This bill would require uncontested races to appear at the end of an election ballot.

In Cuyahoga County, many voters must sift through uncontested races and may become disinterested or bothered by the inconvenience of locating a category to place their ballot. The legislation would improve the low-voter turnout at the end of election ballots and allow voters to take part in the races they feel to be worth their while.

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to eliminate the fatigue that many voters experience when filling out a ballot that contains a multitude of uncontested elections prior to races that have candidates.

Thank you, Chairman Coley and members of the committee, for allowing me to speak to this legislation. I would be happy to answer any questions at this time.