

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THE WITNESS INFORMATION FORM BEFORE TESTIFYING

DATE: 6/2/20 for Hearing on 6/3/20

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ARE YOU REPRESENTING: YOURSELF ORGANIZATION _____

DO YOU WISH TO TESTIFY ON

LEGISLATION (BILL NUMBER): HB 680

SPECIFIC ISSUE: voting rights

SUBJECT MATTER: Voting by mail and voting early in-person

DO YOU FAVOR _____ OR OPPOSE THE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION REGARDING THIS ISSUE?

WILL YOU HAVE A WRITTEN STATEMENT, VISUAL AIDS, OR OTHER MATERIAL TO DISTRIBUTE?

YES No _____

(IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE COPIES TO THE CHAIRMAN OR SECRETARY)

HOW MUCH TIME WILL YOUR TESTIMONY REQUIRE? Written testimony only

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE GROUNDS ON WHICH YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE SUCH ENACTMENT:

HB 680 will unfairly make it harder to vote and without good reason. It will make it harder for voters and harder for Boards of Elections. In the past, there have been elections where both Republican and Democratic Secretaries of State have sent vote by mail ballot applications to all registered voters. HB 680 prohibits this and prohibits use of available federal funding to pay return postage for ballot applications and ballots. Instead, the Ohio Assembly should facilitate the following: send all registered voters ballot application forms with postage paid, voters who request vote by mail should receive ballots that have postage pre-paid, online absentee ballot request should be allowed and made easy, counties should have more than one early voting site and also multiple secure drop boxes for each county. When my two kids were young and I was working, it was difficult to make these arrangements. Now that I have a bit more time, I speak up for those who are busy with demanding schedules and for whom the state should make it easier to vote. Numerous studies have shown that the provisions I support do not result in voter fraud. Thank you.

