

# WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THE WITNESS INFORMATION FORM BEFORE TESTIFYING

DATE: June 2, 2020

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ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

(IF APPLICABLE)

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

As a citizen I believe that voting is a sacred right and duty. I strongly oppose HB 680 which is designed to make voting more difficult, especially during this time of pandemic. The bill makes it more complicated to vote by mail by requiring that an informational postcard, rather than a ballot application be sent to all voters, as has been done in prior elections. It prohibits the Secretary of State from using federal funding to pay for return postage for ballot applications and ballots and reduces the amount of time allowed for early vote and vote-by-mail. These complicating measures amount to an attempt to disenfranchise the poor and the elderly, both of whom are less likely to have computers and/or funds to pay for the privilege of voting. Democracy is a fragile thing and can only be maintained through citizen participation; voting is the most basic of our rights as citizens and it should be made easier to participate, not harder.

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? \_\_\_\_\_