

# WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THE WITNESS INFORMATION FORM BEFORE TESTIFYING

DATE: June 2, 2020

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ARE YOU REPRESENTING: YOURSELF  ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU WISH TO TESTIFY ON  
LEGISLATION (BILL NUMBER): HB 680  
SPECIFIC ISSUE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SUBJECT MATTER: \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chair Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the State and Local Government Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify in writing today. I am a community minister in Dayton, Ohio, with serious concerns about safe, fair elections. When I was a child, my mother took me with her to vote so I could learn the importance of this one way to participate in our democracy. I vote in every election and see it as an important civic responsibility. In the midst of a global pandemic, making participation safe matters. I am strongly opposed to House Bill 680 because it makes voting harder.

Over 200,000 ballots cast in the primary election were not counted because the system we had was complicated and confusing. People with challenging jobs and busy family lives might get their requests in late, only to have their ballot rejected. I have had to print absentee ballot applications to people who didn't have access to computers or printers. Make it easy for people – not hard! Ohio citizens can already register to vote on-line. Making on-line requests for absentee ballots only makes sense.

I am asking you to vote “NO” on HB 680. Allow on-line absentee ballot requests. Send voters postage paid absentee applications and ballots – a practice supported by the Secretary of State. Allow for early voting and secure drop boxes in every county. Do everything we can to minimize in-person voting and prevent the spread of the Covid-19.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this dangerous bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in writing.