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Chairman Peterson, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Forhan, Members of the House Government Oversight Committee:

Thank you for considering my testimony. I am from Beavercreek in Greene County, 70<sup>th</sup> Ohio House District. I am retired and have lived in Ohio for more than twenty two years. My husband is not yet retired.

I strongly object to HB 144 and I urge you to halt it now in committee. I am embarrassed for Ohio when I see a majority of our legislators pass a law late last year and now many propose to reverse course because they fear that the people of Ohio might choose to amend the constitution. It would be especially egregious if the Government Oversight Committee were to hypocritically approve changing the rules after such a short time in order to get a desired outcome. That would be the opposite of integrity. I urge you not to do it. It would harm democracy in Ohio and it would waste taxpayer money and time for an unworthy cause as well as unnecessarily burden our county boards of election.

I urge you to not pass HB 144 out of committee.

Thank you.

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