

**Proponent Testimony for House Bill 472
House Homeland Security Committee
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Thank you Chairman Ghanbari, Vice Chairman Plummer, Ranking Member Thomas and members of the Homeland Security Committee for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 472, the Ohio Votes Count Act.

I urge support for HB 472 Ohio Votes Count Act. Ohio HB 472 ensures every person who registers to vote in Ohio is verified to be a United States citizen PRIOR to being added to Ohio's voter registration database. I am thankful for Representatives Willis and Representative Peterson for sponsoring this bill, and look forward to seeing this committee move this bill to the House floor for a vote by all House Representatives.

I have made numerous calls to Ohio Secretary of State, Ohio BMV, and visited my local Knox County Board of Elections asking questions and gathering information. It is apparent the safeguards are not in place to make sure non-citizens cannot get on our voter rolls and then have access to vote, either in-person or by mail. In fact, when voting by mail; no copy of a person's photo ID is required.

If HB 472 were made law, it would protect Ohio voter rolls by having checks and balances in place to verify a registrant is in fact a United States citizen. This only makes logical sense, because it is Ohio law that only United States citizens may vote.

I ask that you please consider my testimony and vote yes on HB 472.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide my proponent testimony.