

Proponent Testimony for House Bill 472  
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Chair Ghanbari, Vice Chair Plummer, Ranking Member Thomas, and members of the Homeland Security Committee,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify, and for taking the time to hear my concerns. My name is Rayanna Rinehart. I am a mother, 4<sup>th</sup> generation farmer, a substitute teacher, a PTA member, an active community member and a very concerned citizen. It is no secret that our election systems need work. There are many fallacies and loopholes that make our system vulnerable to multiple types of fraud. At this time, I believe House Bill 472 will be the stepping stone to begin remedying some of those loopholes.

For the past year my team and I have been working to clean up the voter rolls in our own county, and I must say, we are very fortunate to have a BOE who stays on top of their rolls. Now that we have them clean, we would like to keep them that way by preventing ineligible voter registrations. Did you know that when a voter applicant enters a driver's license or state id number as identification when registering to vote by paper form, there is no verification that the driver's license or state id number exists on Bureau of Motor Vehicle records, or associates to the name, address and birth date entered on the paper voter registration application form before the person is added to Ohio's voter rolls by election officials? I really feel like this is something our BOE's should be able to cross reference, in order to keep people who are ineligible to vote off of our rolls. Especially given the fact that for the past 3 years our border has been purposely flooded with immigrants, many of which decline to enter through legal channels. It would be no shock to me if foreigners and other bad actors tried to submit large numbers of fake registrations that could end up being added to our rolls. House Bill 472 offers some solutions to these issues that our state could really benefit from.

Given the work I have done with my own county, I can see how our county BOE's are struggling to keep accurate rolls. In a lot of ways, they are set up for failure. Things like applying for financial aid or assistance, getting an id, signing a petition, keep people who do not vote on our rolls. Voters who move and do not return the requested mail to their previous county BOE's are left to remain on the rolls for sometimes up to 6 years. Lack of access to verify all information given leads to ineligible voters being added. For these reasons, along with many others, I believe it is important to pass House Bill 472.

Again, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to testify. As a US citizen and an Ohio Constituent, it is my hope that the passing of House Bill 472 will help safe guard our voter rolls and prevent ineligible applicants from entering the rolls altogether. I ask that you please vote yes on HB 472. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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