

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

I am writing you today in support of House Bill, The Ohio Votes Count Act.

Immediate action needs to be taken. It is time to strengthen the law that will require only US citizens be registered to vote in Ohio elections. For the first time, Ohio HB 472 will ensure that US citizens will be verified BEFORE they are put on Ohio voter rolls. Thanks to Representative Will and Representitave Peterson for sponsoring this bill, and look forward to seeing this committee move to the house floor for a yes vote by all the House Representative members.

Thank you for considering my proponent testimony.