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Chair Stewart, Vice Chair Dovilla, Ranking Member Sweeney and members of the House Finance Committee:

My name is Steffanie, and I am a constituent in Clintonville. **I am writing this testimony to express my intense opposition to voting provisions hidden deep within the Transportation Budget, HB 54.**

As a voter, it's highly alarming that voting registration provisions that implicate 10M Ohioans who currently have a DL/SID, would be added to what's expected to be a transportation budget bill.

I felt compelled to testify because the last-minute action and lack of transparency puts into question the true motivation for provisions to this bill that will add a mountain of new voter burdens, require re-education of Ohioans, and particularly impact voters who are already having trouble complying with the newest photo ID laws.

This harms transparency for voting laws that impact all Ohioans, and destroys the integrity of every House Representative listed as primary sponsor, cosponsors, and members of the House Finance Committee, who believe that this underhanded tactic is a way to lead and will go unnoticed. **I request that provisions in this bill that impact voter registration, voter identification and matching information to registration records, voter registration reporting to the Secretary of State, and any requirement that impacts voter registration access, be removed from this transportation budget bill - regarding any laws that impact voting, Ohioans deserve a transparent process that allows full and proper consideration with fair and reasonable opportunity for public input.**

Thank you for your time. Your actions that show responsiveness to your concerned constituents is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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