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Rep. Hall HB 16 Sponsor Testimony

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Chair Ray, Vice Chair Fischer, Ranking Member Brent, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 16.

This bill is, at its core, is fundamental to the principles that define our country and state. The right to express support for your preferred political candidate or cause is protected by our constitution. It is this unimpeded freedom that continually fortifies the strength of our democracy. Constitutional rights do not discriminate by political persuasion, so it is our intention to empower all those across the political spectrum to have the right to legally practice their fundamental right to freedom of speech.

HB 16 will prohibit HOA's from restricting the display of political signs in an individual's property within the boundary of current state and local laws. This is a reintroduction of HB 668 from last GA with some important differences after discussions that arose through the committee process.

I would like to thank my joint sponsor for his extensive work navigating some of the issues that have been brought up since this idea came to fruition last General Assembly. I think the changes from HB 668 have only served to make this a stronger and overall, more complete piece of legislation

Once again, Chair Ray and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on HB 16. I will now pass it over to Representative Lorenz to provide more insight into the changes and legislation as a whole.