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Ohio Senate General Government Committee

Testimony in Opposition to Senate Bill 153

Chairwoman Roegner, Vice Chairwoman Gavarone, Ranking Member Blackshear, and members of the Ohio Senate General Government Committee, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 153. My name is Andrew Green, I am a resident of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and I am providing written testimony to give an update on some comments made in my testimony to this bill on May 27, 2025.

In my previous testimony, among other objections to this bill, I expressed deep concern for the potential increase in provisional voting this bill would create by requiring any voters who have information on their voter records that does not match that on file with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles or the Social Security Administration. For over a year now, I've been trying to discern how many voters fall into this category and would be required to cast a provisional ballot should this provision of the bill become law. After numerous inquiries to the Secretary of State's Office, I have been unable to find an answer to this question. The last correspondence I received from the Secretary's office on the matter was nearly 6 months ago stating, "I will consult within our office to see if any changes have occurred that have resulted in us possessing these records." Given the Secretary's apparent inability to determine which voters fall into this category, how can we possibly expect this bill to be smoothly implemented, should it become law? Absent a concrete answer to this question, data-driven estimates on the corresponding increase in provisional ballots, and a robust plan for local Boards of Election to deal with that increase, this committee has no business moving this bill forward in its current form, aside from all of the many other issues with this bill that I addressed in my previous testimony.

Finally, I would like to add that the timing of this hearing, after several months of no movement, on this bill is incredibly suspect. This hearing falls on one of the longest days of the year for elections officials. The Tuesday before election day is the longest day of early voting, with each of the 88 county boards of election open for 13 hours, meaning many elections officials are working 13+ hour days today, on top of much of the same the rest of this week, weekend, and next week. We have yet to hear from elections officials regarding this bill, and as they are the folks who will be the boots on the ground implementing this bill should it become law, their input should be incredibly important. Out of all of the days in the year to hold this hearing, there are probably only two worse days that could have been chosen from an elections official standpoint: May 6 and November 5. I urge this committee to seek out and provide a real opportunity for elections officials to weigh in on this bill before taking any action.

Thank you again, Chairwoman Roegner and members of the committee, for allowing me the opportunity to provide opposition testimony to Senate Bill 153. I urge you all, especially my Senator—Chairwoman Roegner—to oppose this bill in its current form due to all of the concerns and unanswered questions discussed above and in my previous testimony to the committee on May 27, 2025.