

Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Blackshear, and members of the Senate General Government Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Ruth Ann Farthing. I am a Registered Nurse. I am strongly opposed to SB 153.

Voting rights are critical for our Democracy. People are busy working, taking care of family members and contributing to our society. As with healthcare, when barriers are put in their way, people are less likely to participate. When there are barriers to getting healthcare, less people get the healthcare that they need and their health declines. When you put barriers in place that make registering to vote and voting more difficult, less people will be able to participate in our democratic process. Our Democracy will decline.

[I ask you to consider my testimony and vote *NO* on this *unAmerican* bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Ruth Ann Farthing