

Thank you Chairman Ghanbari, Vice Chairman Plummer, Ranking Member Thomas and members of the Homeland Security Committee for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 472, the Ohio Votes Count Act.

I am asking you to support House Bill 472, the Ohio Votes Count Act. This legislation addresses an issue that state and county officials fear – voting system oversight. I once requested that Ohio's Secretary of State audit the voting machines in Ohio when it became known that only the vendors were permitted access to them. Within a year, I was notified by the Franklin County Board of Elections that, because I questioned the accuracy of the voting machines, I could no longer work at the polls as I had done for several years.

HB472 would require independent, state-credentialed, third party security reviews of Ohio's voting equipment to ensure Ohioans that our voting systems meet cybersecurity standards. It would also require disclosures by the voting system vendors before they could initially receive and continue to receive certification.

The Ohio Votes Count Act would remove the task of auditing voting equipment from the hands of election officials, a task that causes them such angst to the point of censuring citizens who request it.

I would like you to consider my testimony and vote FOR HB 472.

Most sincerely,

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