

## Opponent Written Testimony on HB 2438

House Committee on Elections  
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Chair Proctor, Members of the Committee,

Voting being one of our essential duties and freedoms, it is important that the state make it as easy as possible to vote. This bill does the opposite. It allows the Secretary of State to ban any online voter registration tool for no reason at all. It takes away local control of election officials by banning them from accepting online voter registration from anywhere the SOS hasn't personally endorsed. This law would go into effect immediately, meaning there would be no rules or regulation tools to follow in order to be endorsed by the SOS until after the 2026 election. All rules and regulations should be clear, concise, and timely. To change the rules this quickly and so close to an election is just not fair to your voters.

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