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**To:** House Committee on Elections

**From:** Jake Letner – City Administrator, City of Columbus

**Subject:** Testimony on HB 2452

**Date:** 01/16/2026

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on HB 2452. As currently written, this law would shift all municipal elections to even-numbered years. This would require elected city officials to serve terms of either two or four years.

The City of Columbus' City Council members currently serve 3-year terms. If enacted, this legislation would require the city to amend its charter ordinances to comply with the new law. The city would prefer the opportunity to establish term lengths and associated elections according to its own needs and preferences – as is currently the case.

Should you have any questions, please feel to reach out to me. My contact details are included below.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jake Letner".

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