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Testimony to the House Elections Committee

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PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: Opponent

ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY: Written only

Chair and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opposition to bill HB 2452. Even-year (presidential & midterm) ballots are already extremely long due to federal and statewide races. This would make it even harder for voters to research down ballot local issues and candidates. Local elections are about schools, roads, utilities, zoning, and public safety—issues that deserve focused attention, not competition with presidential or congressional races.

In addition, voters already tire of phone calls, text messages, and mailboxes flooded with campaign flyers during federal and state level elections. Adding local elections will lead to even more overwhelm and voters tuning out.

I appreciate your time and consideration in regards to HB2452 and consider voting to oppose this bill.

Mrs. Kathleen R. Martinez

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