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HB2106 Neutral Written Only

Chairman Thompson and Members of the committee,

I am submitting my neutral testimony for HB2106. First off, I want to say I was a proponent of this bill in its original form. While I still want to fully support the bill, I am not in agreement with the amendment made while in the House Elections Committee. I feel as if the amendment somewhat neutered the bill. If the goal is to keep foreign national money out of constitutional amendment elections, then that should be what this bill does. Adding the \$100,000 total over 4 years provision per donor, weakens the bill to the point of why still push this forward. I will emphasize my original testimony statement and say foreign nationals or entities should not be allowed to fund campaigns for or against state constitutional amendments or any other bill for that matter. Foreign money needs to be kept out of state and local elections. I urge the committee to remove the \$100,000 provision amendment before I could fully support bill HB2106 again.

Respectfully,

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