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Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee

Sen. Mike Thompson, Chair

Michael Poppa

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Opponent Testimony, Oral In-Person

SB210– Allowing candidates for nonpartisan offices to have such candidate's political party affiliation provided on the ballot with such candidate's name.

Chair Thompson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent testimony on SB210.

Mainstream Coalition OPPOSES SB210.

Our rationale is straightforward:

- Nonpartisan local elections emphasize candidates and communities over party politics.
- Political affiliations are irrelevant to providing services.
- Collaboration between elected officials belonging to different parties is more likely if they are not branded by their party.

We urge you to oppose SB210. Please help keep our local elections nonpartisan in the spirit of the representative democracy our country was founded on.