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HB2518 Opponent Testimony Written Only

Chairman Proctor and the House Election Committee:

I am submitting opponent testimony for HB2518. I'll start by saying I do not agree with any form of remote drop boxes. I don't believe they are needed with early voting sites readily available. No sense in having any extra areas that could assist with fraud. With that said, they are still legal.

I have a hard time with the legislature giving over their control to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State's office has used regulations in the past to subvert the will of the legislature. The one regulation that comes to mind is 7-47-1. Statute 25-3009 b(1) clearly stated the use of paper ballots during the post-election audit. The SOS office used 7-47-1 to say digital copies were also approved to be used. A digital copy is not the same as the actual ballot.

From the example above, I feel the will of the people and the legislature were subverted. With that said, I would highly recommend you do not give your legislative power over to the secretary of state. Instead, write a more detailed bill that lays out the boundaries.

Again I am an opponent to HB2518.

Respectfully,

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