

Testimony of Roger Lomshek  
Opponent testimony: HB 2023

Chairman Proctor, Vice-Chair Waggoner and Committee Members,

I'm writing to express my opposition to HB 2023 and its goal of creating a special crime of interference with an election official.

I'm a Republican party precinct committeeman and have organized and trained poll agents for the last two years of general and primary elections.

HB 2023, if passed, will harm the willingness of individuals to serve as poll agents. With its vague language, lack of definitions and broad list of possible criminal actions the field is wide open to intimidation of poll agents by election officials who would prefer to not have independent eyes on their work.

The role of poll agent is an essential one, and one that creates some level of unease among many election workers simply by their presence.

I implore you to vote NO on HB 2023. Let existing, well defined laws continue to serve their purpose and keep people safe. Without specific examples of a need for actions such as these it is a bill looking for a problem and does not need passed.

Thank you,

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