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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs**

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**PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL:** Opponent

**ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY:** Written Only

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I write in opposition to SB 366 as it actively restricts the democracy component of our representative democracy system.

“Representative” describes the type of democracy; without voters exercising their right to vote, there is no representation. This bill erodes voter participation efforts.

How many eligible voters in good standing is the committee willing to disenfranchise based on a perceived and unfounded assertion? This bill is based on feelings, not facts. Multiple investigations have found no material evidence of election fraud by mail.

Is the committee suggesting that representation should be handpicked by a select few amongst the electorate? This bill would result in fewer eligible voters in good standing from exercising their right to vote. Many voters have come to count on the notifications from their local election boards. Security measures are already in place: Signature matching controls are in place for all advance ballot applications to ensure the request came from the voter. States that vote exclusively via the mail see higher voter participation, thus boosting the impact of a representative democracy.

Please vote no on SB 366 as it diminishes democracy.

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