

TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 1 pm

House Bill 44 (AGAINST)

Good afternoon Committee Members. I urge you to vote against House Bill 44.

The bill is designed to deny independents and third party voters the right to use the open process to run for certain elected offices. This may be in violation of constitutional rights of voters to freely join third parties of their choice.

I chose to join a third party and advance in the General Election in 2024. This closes that opportunity automatically. It serves no useful purpose other than to target independents and third party voters so they no longer have free access to voting. It further demands that they become members of one of the two major parties. Otherwise their rights to run for all offices is no longer available.

It simply penalizes independent voters for no good reason.

Before voting yes on this legislation, please reconsider the impact this legislation has on the community and on individuals.

Thank you.