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My name is Reverend Marguerite Morris I am here to testify in opposition to SB 0630

I am with Community Actively Seeking Transparency and For Kathy's Sake the latter of which was named in memory of my daughter Katherine Sarah Morris for which HB969 was recently named after her (The Katherine Morris Seath Reclassification Act).

I have worked with and supported several impacted people looking and or hoping for justice and fairness in our judicial systems. They look for sensitive and equal access to what is right and just for all.

So how judges are put in place and kept or removed is of vital importance.

Removing a citizen's continued and frequent right to be a part of that process will result in the continued disparagement of parts of our judicial systems.

Our vote should impact the way in which Circuit Court judges arrive and remain on the benches in our County and State.

I think it's very important in our community to be able to as, voters to look at the job a judge or individual has done even though they're nonpartisan and be able determine from that whether they are kept in place.

So, if we don't have the freedom to nominate or support or choose then we lose the benefit of creating change and trust in the judicial system

We would be kind of stuck with what someone that has been nominated and appeared to be just they changed their perspective, and we as citizens loss.

We should not be locked in as citizens, to them continuing to have the job, when they have proven they don't qualify, or do the job they were put in place to do.

To not allow our participation leaves the opportunity to continue the bias systems that exists in our court systems.