

Written Testimony for **HB 285: Election Law - Voter Registration List - Absentee Voters (Absentee Ballot Transparency Act of 2025)**: Please **VOTE YES** on this bill.

Dear Ways & Means Committee:

This bill's synopsis reads: "...Requiring the State Board of Elections or a local board of elections, on request of a candidate, to provide the candidate with a list of registered voters who have requested an absentee ballot for an upcoming election; and requiring that the list of absentee voters provided include the e-mail address and telephone number of each voter on the list, if the information is available..."

I am in agreement that all candidates for public office should have access to the list of registered voters who have requested an absentee ballot for an upcoming election, as well their email addresses and telephone numbers as they are registered with the Board of Elections. It is essential to candidates to be able to get their message out to all voters. I understand that some people do not wish to vote in person for a variety of reasons, such as chronic illness, injury preventing mobility to stand in line to vote, etc. That does not mean that these people should be unavailable to receive literature or other means of hearing the message of the candidates running for public office. Every voter should have access to a candidate's message on where they stand on the issues of our times. By having access to a candidate's stance on the issues, it gives people more information from which to make an educated vote.

Please **VOTE YES** on this bill to show that you care that every voter has access to a candidate's information and message.

Thank you.

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