In support of **SB543/HB839**, Partial Ballot Acceptance

As a constituent, I favor this proposed bill because when a ballot is considered provisionally cast because of partisan concerns, that should have no effect on a legitimate voter's choices in a nonpartisan school board election.

I can attest to the fact that it is upsetting not to have one's vote counted – or even counted after a lengthy delay. One feels disenfranchised. If part of a ballot can be counted even if part of it is legitimately held up, that allows for increased democracy and trust in democracy. The nation needs both. And individual voters need to be heard.

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