

Written Testimony for:

**Favorable support of House Bill 1010**

Election Law - Certification of Election-Supporting Technology - Regulations, Review, and Evaluation  
Submitted by – Cathy Stogel, Feb 23, 2026

Dear Members of the Government, Labor and Elections committee,

HB 1010 will improve and safeguard election integrity and security at a time when voters are very nervous and suspicious about the integrity of voting.

When people believe that their vote will actually be counted and mattered they are much more likely to vote. Especially with younger voters who have a low turn out rate.

Knowing that; rigorous, standardized testing and certification for software and technology is used, annual evaluations are performed, and only secure tools are being used will go a long way in increasing voter turnout and voter security.

By strengthening election security and integrity we will hopefully avoid fear, conspiracy theories, and apathy regarding voting (and the results).

Please submit a favorable report on House Bill 1010 to strengthen election integrity and security and increase voter confidence and turnout.

Thank you  
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