

OPPOSE SB141

Honorable representative,

As a voter, I am concerned about the proposed legislation, which aims to regulate the dissemination of information regarding elections. While the intention behind this bill may be to protect the integrity of our electoral process, I believe that it oversteps the bounds of state authority and undermines the fundamental principles of our democratic system.

The notion that voters require protection from the state in verifying basic election facts is an affront to our collective intelligence and civic engagement. We, as citizens, are capable of discerning fact from fiction, and it is our responsibility to critically evaluate the information we consume. By imposing such regulations, the state is essentially implying that we are incapable of making informed decisions, which is a disservice to the very notion of democracy.

If our elected representatives cannot trust us to verify basic election facts, how can they trust us to select the most appropriate candidate? If the intention of this bill is to make sure we go to vote in the right place at the right time, do you truly believe that we are incapable of verifying such information ourselves? Otherwise, is there a hidden intent behind this bill? This bill sends a disturbing message: that we, the voters, are not worthy of trust, and that the state must intervene to "protect" us from ourselves.

We urge our elected officials to reconsider this bill and instead focus on promoting voter education and critical thinking skills. By empowering voters with accurate information and fostering a culture of civic engagement, we can build a more informed and engaged electorate, without the need for paternalistic regulations.

Sincerely,
Mark Meyerovich
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