HB2572 Proponent Written Only Testimony

Chairman Proctor and members of the committee,

I am in support of requiring photo identification and documentation of said personal information of individuals delivering advance ballots on behalf of other voters. I believe the required written designation along with the identification information will assist in making our elections more secure. This process should also help determine if individuals are returning more than the allotted 10 ballots as required by law.

When I first read the proposed additions to Section 1 (d)(2) I was concerned with the fact that these ballots were not to be delivered to remote ballot boxes. I thought, does this mean people who don't understand this will think their vote may not count if delivered improperly. However, the proposed changes/additions in HB 2571 ensure that every legal vote will be counted, once the voter on the ballot is verified.

I would suggest the committee consider combining HB2571 and HB2572. The affected statute is the same in both bills, but without the changes in HB 2571, what happens to the advance ballots incorrectly returned via remote ballot box?

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