

## **Opponent Oral Virtual Testimony on Senate Bill 391**

Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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Chair Olson, Members of the Committee,

### **Ballot Clutter**

Adding unnecessary information to the limited space on ballots causes clutter that may confuse the voter, increase selection error, and reduce accessibility. Adding clutter makes the candidate's name more difficult to read and should only be done to accommodate critical information.

### **Alternatives**

If the committee deems years of incumbency to be important information for voters to assess, it should hold a hearing specifically to identify other points of information that may be as important or even more important to voters. Further, if the state desires voters to have such information it may be better provided in a more appropriate form such as a detailed voter guide on candidates mailed to every voter.

I recommend this committee oppose SB391 as written. I'm happy to stand for any questions when appropriate.

Thank you,

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