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Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 9:07 AM
To: Amy Rostkowycz
Subject: HB 5253

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Amy,

I saw this one come through my last email and wanted to definitely provide some testimony regarding HB5253.

My testimony for today's hearing:

I strongly OPPOSE HB 5253. The grant monies received from the CTCL last year defrayed election costs in an unprecedented year with expenses that shot through the roof.

I had a conversation with Bronna Kahle to try and understand the point of view, or the history, behind this bill. Bronna was not aware of the clerk's side of the benefits of receiving those grant monies. As pointed out to her, private foundations have larger pools of grant funding available. Additionally, any equipment purchased with those funds still had to be purchased and tested through state-certified vendors, and, election workers were still recruited and trained and under normal documented applications and procedures. After our conversation, even she agreed that perhaps some sort of amendment to this bill is warranted.

Private funding allows for the defrayment of election costs that the state just simply cannot support.



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Dear Ms. Rostkowycz,

I write on behalf of Interfaith Action Southwest Michigan, an organization of approximately 40 faith communities in Southwest Michigan (Allegan, Berrien, St. Joseph, Cass, and Van Buren counties) who are united in advancing the cause of social justice in our state. We seek to have a distinct public voice as to the ethical implications of social and political actions.

We write in opposition to HB 5253, concerning unnecessary restrictions on doing simple and necessary things to aid in the fair and smooth election process such as supplying pens when the polling place runs out. The bill also unnecessarily bars the state from accepting federal funds for election equipment, thus shifting the burden of obtaining that material to the residents of the state. This bill is unnecessary to assure free and fair elections in Michigan.

I may be contacted at the telephone number below. I reside in Bridgman, Michigan.

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