



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 16, 2022

Chief Clerk Sekerak
Oregon State Capitol

RE: Vote explanation for HB 4133 (A-Engrossed)

Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I wish to submit the following explanation for my vote on HB 4133 (A-Engrossed).

HB4133 (A-Engrossed) -requires a change to the electronic voter registration system which will allow individuals to register online with the last four digits of their social security number and a scanned signature.

This bill erodes public trust in our elections system and calls into question the ability of the elections system itself to be able to perform the requirements within the bill with the accuracy needed to uphold the election integrity that Oregonians deserve.

House District 23 relies on many wonderful people in the US and in Oregon with permanent resident cards for a variety of reasons. The cards allow them to work in our ag, manufacturing, hospitality, retail sectors and more. For them to work and file taxes, however, they must be issued social security cards. A social security card that looks just like the ones issued to those that are born in the US; Social security cards are printed on the same paper, with the same seals, and all have numerical sequences ending in four digits. The only difference is that those individuals, with permanent resident cards, are not US citizens, not Oregonians and not eligible to vote.

Finally, supporters of the bill suggested that using the last four digits of a social security number was enough to validate individuals and avoid duplication. The estimated population of Oregon is 4.2M, of which 3.18M people are of voting age. Yet Mathematically there are only 10,000 possible combinations for four-digit numbers. What are the assurances that Oregon's voter registration systems will be able to determine whether an individual's last four digits of their social security number are in fact true and accurate?

Losing trust in our voting system is the first step in losing trust in our democracy.

Regards,

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