

Testimony in Opposition to :

HB-5540 – AAC CERTAIN AUTHORITIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE

HB-6325 – AAC THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE, ABSENTEE BALLOTS, AND
ELECTION AUDITS

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Dear GAE Committee Co-Chairs, Sen. Flexer and Rep. Fox, Vice Chairs, Sen. Haskell and Rep. Thomas, Ranking Members, Sen. Sampson and Rep. Mastrofrancesco, And Members of the GAE Committee,

I am writing in Opposition to HB-5540, AAC CERTAIN AUTHORITIES OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, and HB-6325, AAC THE SECRETARY OF STATE, ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND ELECTION AUDITS.

I oppose HB-5540 because it will replace centralized responsibility for elections with decentralized, unorganized mismanagement of elections. This will erode confidence in our election process and it will remove the authority of the Secretary of State from being able to quickly react to conditions, such as the pandemic. It is crucial that the administration of our elections remain centralized, to insure accountability.

I oppose HB-6325 because it is a voter suppression bill, making Absentee Ballots less accessible to voters. This can lead to invalidating votes for no valid reasons.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

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