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TESTIMONY OF STEWART MAEDA
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
ON SENATE BILL NO. 2444
RELATING TO ELECTIONS
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Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Senate Bill No. 2444. This Bill requires the Office of Election to join the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) to share information with member states and the District of Columbia.

Being a member in the ERIC would allow for the counties to receive information that would assist in maintaining the accuracy of the voter registration roll. We support the intent of the bill and agree there would be significant benefits for the membership states.

Although we support the intent of the bill we recommend a cautious approach in providing any organization with confidential voter information. Securing voter information is of extreme importance. The counties are statutorily responsible for voter registration and voter file maintenance. We would first recommend a thorough review of ERIC's data handling and network security procedures before considering membership.

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