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**TESTIMONY OF THE
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
ON HOUSE BILL NO.167
RELATING TO ELECTION NOMINATION PAPERS**

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Chair Lee and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 167. This bill removes the requirement to include a registered voter's Social Security Number to withdraw the voter's signature from a petition; and removes the requirement to include a space for Social Security Number of each registered voter signing a candidate nomination form.

The Office of Elections uses information provided by signatories on a nomination paper to confirm that they are registered voters and eligible to vote for the candidate they are nominating. However, since Social Security Number is no longer required to register to vote pursuant to Act 167, SLH 2016, we do not have the ability to confirm a signatory's last four-digits of their Social Security Number with the statewide voter registration system.

We would propose that the bill be amended to modify the requirement for providing date of birth so that only month and day are required. This helps election officials find and confirm a signatory with the statewide voter registration system. Also, this is the same data that is included in the poll book and confirmed when voters are issued a ballot.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 167.