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CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 31, HD 1
RELATING TO ELECTION NOMINATION PAPERS

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Chair Rhoads and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 31, HD 1. This bill amends the voter information requirements for nomination paper and withdrawal of a nominating voter's signature.

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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 31.