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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1471
RELATING TO POLITICAL PARTIES

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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. 1471. This bill amends provisions relating to dates and deadlines in statutory provisions governing political parties.

This bill makes housekeeping amendments regarding political parties. Every election year, qualified political parties must submit their current party rules and provide the names and addresses of their central committee officers and respective county committee officers. We propose this housekeeping amendment, so these deadlines to submit the party rules and officers will be on the same day for qualified political parties, thus making it easier for the qualified parties to keep track of and facilitate compliance.

Additionally, this bill amends the information that a signatory to a political party petition must provide to match the requirements of a signatory to a nomination paper.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 1471.