

May 8th, 2013

Honorable Chair Senator Diane Rosenbaum, Vice-Chair Senator Ted Ferrioli, Members Senator Bruce Starr, Senator Lee Beyer, and Senator Ginny Burdick,

I oppose SB150,

SB150 does not go far enough in correcting the penalties for election fraud. Please accept the Amendment to this bill from Rep. Sal Esquivel which would make the penalties more equitable for both citizens and public employees.

SB150 removes the practical way the Primary ballots are separated by party and counted. It makes the counting of the party affiliation difficult to separate from one another. This would make it easier for party members to influence another parties outcome using this method. Recounts would be even more difficult. This is a back door step toward an open primary. The people have a right to organize along party lines to promote specific principles.

Please do not pass this bill unless you accept the Esquivel Amendment AND restore the colored ballot requirements for the political parties affiliation in paragraph 1.

Respectfully,
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