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Good afternoon my name is Iris Hodge and I am here today to testify in favor of HB 2177. I support this bill because I believe it will help busy working families and parents to be responsible and engaged in our election process. I believe that we should have a system that verifies eligibility then provides all eligible voters with an option to update their voter registration.

As a full-time, working, single mom who has voted in every election since I was 18, I need a way to keep my information updated that is accessible for me. Like many Oregonians, I struggle to find affordable housing. With rent increases and job changes, my son and I move nearly every two years. Between my busy work schedule and caring for my son I could easily imagine myself forgetting to update my registration with my new address. HB 2177 would help to ensure my voice is included in our democracy, and it would make voting more accessible for working moms and dads like me.

HB 2177 would help me and other working parents to be able stay up to date in the voter registration process. With kids, work, and other obligations that all working families have I believe that we should make democracy as accessible as possible while ensuring eligibility and accuracy. I believe HB 2177 does just that. I want to stay engaged in the voting process and HB 2177 will help me to do so. Thank you for your time and I encourage your support of HB 2177

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Iris Hodge