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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure: HB2107

I oppose HB 2107 and ask you to ditch it in its entirety.

I am especially concerned about the lengths the SOS wants other departments to go to in order to gather information including electronic signatures from people who may have no desire to register to vote. In reading Amendment 1 to this bill, which seems to be eliminating the original bill and replacing it, there are some troubling parts: "(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, a qualified entity may not provide to the secretary any electronic records demonstrating that a person is not a citizen of the United States." REALLY? The SOS does not want to know if a person is not a citizen and hence ineligible to vote? This bill should be a FULL STOP RIGHT HERE.

And how about, "(f) A signature attesting, except for an electronic signature obtained as provided under section 2 of this 2023 Act, to the fact that the person is qualified to be an elector." So it sounds as if a person is no longer required to sign a statement that states that the person is qualified to be an elector. If you can take the electronic signature from a person's hunting license, concealed handgun license application, firearms purchase, or business registration with the Secretary of State, etc., without that person's permission, and turn it into an application to register to vote, where is this headed? I have spoken to people who are really upset about having been automatically registered to vote through Motor Voter. Now you want to extend that further and put people's signatures into a database that they don't want it in???

The privilege to vote must be taken seriously enough to have to take steps to obtain it. These bills that take away that seriousness and force registration on people who may not even want it. This must STOP. The voter rolls should be held in higher esteem than that which results from forced voter registration. Please put this bill in the trash.