I am writing to strongly oppose HB 1576-4, which proposes significant changes to probate jurisdiction in various counties, including Gilliam County. This bill not only threatens to disrupt established processes and procedures related to probate matters but also raises serious questions about its rushed implementation.

The urgent push to pass this amendment, declared an emergency for immediate implementation, demands scrutiny. Why the need to rush? Is there more than meets the eye? Such hurried decision-making bypasses the essential need for thorough consideration and stakeholder input. This raises concerns about the true motivations behind the amendment and the potential consequences it may bring.

Rushing through these changes without allowing for proper consultation could lead to unforeseen disruptions and undermine the integrity of our legal system in Gilliam County. It is imperative to take the time to fully understand the implications of HB 1576-4 and engage in meaningful dialogue with all stakeholders before moving forward.

Given the current political climate, I strongly believe that it would be prudent to wait until after the elections are over before making any decisions on this matter. This would allow for a more inclusive and transparent process, ensuring that the voices of the people of Gilliam County are heard and respected.

Furthermore, I urge you to consider the potential to bring this issue before the voters of Gilliam County. Allowing the residents of our community to have a direct say in such a significant decision would ensure that their interests are properly represented and protected.

Thank you for considering my concerns regarding HB 1576-4. I urge you to prioritize transparency and thorough deliberation in this matter and oppose any rushed decisions that may have far-reaching consequences for Gilliam County.

Sincerely,

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