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ROVAC TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL No. 5251

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Good morning, Senator Slossberg, Representative Morin and members of the GAE Committee. My name is Melissa Russell, and I'm a Registrar of Voters in Bethlehem, as well as the Executive Vice President of ROVAC. I'm speaking today in support of HB 5251.

This is a simple bill that will fix a small matter that got lost in last year's huge overhaul of modernizing and streamlining our election laws. It simply states that when an elector changes addresses within a municipality, he/she will fill out a new **Voter Registration Card**, rather than a separate, distinct form. This will simplify matters for both the Registrars and the electors.

On behalf of ROVAC, I ask you to pass this legislation, continuing the enormous progress we've made in updating our election laws.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.