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**HB 6353 AN ACT STATE BUDGET REFORM**

**OPPOSE ALLOWING THE GOVERNOR TO REDUCE ALLOTMENT  
REQUISITONS FOR THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT  
COMMISSION, THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION AND  
THE OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS**

My name is Bill Jenkins, I reside in the Town of Chaplin. I have been the Republican Registrar of Voters in Chaplin since 2006 and I have been a campaign treasurer for many campaign committees and a few political committees since 1996. I have also been a member of the Republican State Central Committee since 1997. I have had a great deal of interaction with the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC) and the Freedom of Information Commission (FOIC) over the past 17 years.

I strongly oppose the Governor's proposal in this bill which would allow him to reduce the budgets of the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC), the Freedom of Information Commission (FOIC) and the Office of State Ethics before their budgets are submitted to the Legislature (Sections 4, 5 & 6).

It's bad enough that the Office of Government Accountability was created two years ago which hampers the ability of these once independent agencies to function independently and fairly but to let the Governor to unilaterally cut their budgets at-will as this legislation would allow is astonishing and absurd.

I really don't think I need to go into great detail as to why this is a poorly conceived scheme. I have enough faith, trust and confidence in you as legislators to see this for what it is and that you will remove these three offensive sections from this bill.

Thank you.