

Testimony respectfully submitted.

On HB6575, an act regarding candidates submitting federal tax returns, I strongly urge making this a law. For decades as a voter, I could count on the norm of a candidate releasing tax returns on the federal level as a gesture of transparency in informing voters. As a voter being informed on all aspects of a candidate's finances, voting record, character and policy positions is essential to our democratic process. I find it regrettable that a law is needed since this norm no longer is respected as an obligation but given this last election it should be codified into law.

On HB5434, an act regarding having the popular vote being decisive in electing our President, the time has come to abolish the Electoral College. It is now twice since the 2000 election that the popular vote did not reflect the result of a Presidential election. The Electoral College is antiquated and fails to fairly represent the will of the people. The election of our nation's highest official demands the integrity and the imprimatur of the majority. Now is the time for our election laws to reflect this and codify it.

Thank you

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