

STATEMENT: OPPOSE SB571

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and ballot measure 110 implementation

From: Mindy Cope, my family, voting citizens, & voting integrity

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Please vote NO on SB571. Proponents of the bill say it will allow people convicted of a felony to register to vote, update voter registration and vote in elections WHILE INCARCERATED.

Please reconsider passing this bill. Being able to vote as an American citizen is a right not a privilege. Being able to have the potential to vote if convicted of a felony while incarcerated is worrisome and undermines the values of our state and the US as a whole. The agendas of someone who's committed a felony and their motivations behind their actions is troubling. Why would we want to give someone this ability to cast a vote? Why are they able to have the same privileges as law abiding citizens? Does the American people deserve to feel that the honor of being able to vote is just given to anyone in addition to illegal aliens who cross our borders as well? Who will benefit from this bill if it passes? Democrats? This should be non partisan and so often I find these bill are to push a liberal agenda. Where are our morals to uphold vote integrity and is our voting integrity crumbling? Why is something like this seen as a positive thing and again, who in the long run is benefiting from a bill like this?

You must ask these questions and think if its even fair! Please vote NO. Please listen to the people! WHAT DO THE PEOPLE WANT?

VOTE TO REJECT SB571