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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1046

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 1046, which mandates the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to supply the Secretary of State with electronic records that include sensitive personal information about potential electors. This legislation raises significant concerns regarding privacy, data security, and the integrity of our electoral process.

First and foremost, the collection and dissemination of personal data such as legal names, ages, residence details, and citizenship information poses a substantial risk to individual privacy. In an era where data breaches are increasingly common, entrusting such sensitive information to any government entity without stringent safeguards could lead to misuse and unauthorized access. The potential for this data to be exploited is alarming and could deter citizens from exercising their right to vote.

Additionally, the requirement for electronic signatures adds another layer of concern. Electronic signatures, while convenient, can be vulnerable to fraud and manipulation. Without robust verification processes in place, the integrity of these signatures could be compromised, undermining the trust in our electoral system.

Moreover, the rationale behind this bill appears to be an overreach into the personal lives of citizens who may wish to participate in the democratic process. It is crucial that we encourage voter participation rather than create barriers that could alienate potential electors. Privacy concerns and bureaucratic hurdles should not hinder the fundamental right to vote.

Instead of implementing legislation that may infringe upon civil liberties, I urge you to consider alternative approaches that promote voter engagement while safeguarding personal information. Transparency and security should be the cornerstones of any electoral reform, ensuring that all eligible citizens can participate freely and confidently in our democracy.

In conclusion, I respectfully ask you to oppose SB 1046. Let us prioritize the protection of individual rights and the integrity of our electoral process. Thank you for considering my views on this important matter.