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Dear House State Administration and Committee,

My name is Ray Yazzie, I am a Montana Resident living currently in Missoula. When I first registered to vote I was registered in Glacier County because I am an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Tribe. I moved to Missoula to pursue educational and career opportunities. While attending trainings for work I registered with my supervisor who I didn't know was transitioning into other work and in the process of moving on she lost mine, as well as other workers voter registration cards. So when I went to go vote on November 6th I was informed that I couldn't because I was still registered in Glacier County.

Being told that I could still register to vote in Missoula County if I went to the election center I quickly drove to the fairgrounds to re-register. I stood in line, in the dark and in the cold for about 4 and half hours.

Voting is very important to me considering the fact that as an American citizen my Native American people were the last given the right to vote. So it is out of respect for those that passed without a voice that I withstood the hours in the cold standing in line.

As I stood in line I seen friends, family, and acquaintances, all from tribes across Montana waiting for their chance to make their voice heard.

I respectfully oppose House Bill No. 30 because I'm sure that situations happen that require people to register late. But most importantly I would think of it a substantial loss to the government if the same people who would stand in line for hours in the cold, dedicated to express their right to vote were denied that opportunity.