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Testimony of
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Good morning Chairman Ingraham and Members of the House State Administration committee.

My name is Joseph D. Lamm, and it is my honor to present written testimony in support of HB 30.

I am a resident of Livingston, Montana.

I am an Electrical Engineer with computer hardware and software design experience. In 35+ year professional career, I have used databases in my work. As a volunteer with the Montana Voter Integrity Project, I have analyzed county absentee voter lists and county voter history lists. I also volunteered as a Pole Watcher for the general election.

In discussion with several county Election Administrators, the issue of election day registration was unanimously regarded as a major source of frustration and chaos. Here are some unsolicited quotes:

“Something has to give. We cannot go through another election that allows same-day registration.”

“If one more thing had gone wrong (on election day), I would have gone to the roof and jumped.”

“There are too many activities on election day...from Absentee Boards, provisional ballots, registering people, answering the phones, and getting everybody through the polling places.”

“It is impossible to plan for how many ballots are needed because you don't know how many people will register on the last day.”

“We used to have a lot of checks and balances in the system.”

“This was the worst election we have ever had.”

In addition, an effort was conducted to try to determine the number of late registrations and when they occurred. Unfortunately, the voter history information available from the counties list the Effective Registration Date (EFFECTIVE REGN. DATE) of all late registrants as October 7, 2012. The actual date of registration is lost.

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