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TO: Representatives Morrie Lanning, Mike Benson, and all members of the State
Government Finance Committee

RE: HF 210 **VOTE NO**

Gentlemen and ladies:

My first words to you, in regard to HF210, would be to state the time-honored phrase, if it ain't broke don't "fix" it.

I would submit to you that there is not one thing wrong with how elections are currently conducted/supervised/challenged in Minnesota.

There is no need to have a voter ID, an electronic roster, and all sorts of onerous, costly, time-consuming and unnecessary administrative requirements placed upon voting judges, the secretary of state, and county auditors.

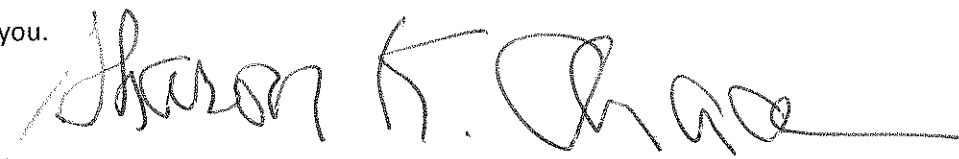
Legislative/gubernatorial approval for administrative decisions made by the secretary of state is unnecessary, cumbersome, and would politicize the office of Secretary of State.

I STRONGLY object to the cost of this bill. It just makes me angry when politicians out of one side of their mouth proclaim loudly that the budget must be balanced by making cuts (no new taxes – oh, except for increased property taxes on homeowners, of course) and then from the other side of their mouth they produce a bill that requires the state to pay for an unnecessary new program which places additional restrictions and encumbrances on the voting process and the administrative structure designed to support it.

We already have a Secretary of State. Please allow him to do his job and you do yours by reaching a compromise as to how to get our state out of its fiscal mess.

Please vote NO on HF 210.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon K. Chace". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.