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Cc: Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Elexie Moore; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Oppose HB 43 & HB 21 – Support SB 52 & SB 64 for Election Integrity

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Dear House State of Affairs Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 43 and HB 21, both of which introduce unnecessary risks to Alaska's election system. While these bills are presented as efforts to increase voter access, they actually weaken election security and public trust in the voting process. Instead, I urge you to support SB 52 and SB 64, which take meaningful steps to protect election integrity.

Concerns with HB 43 & HB 21:

- **Preregistration of Minors:** Both bills allow 16- and 17-year-olds to preregister to vote, creating potential inaccuracies in voter rolls and opening the door for errors or fraudulent registrations. Individuals should not be added to voter rolls until they are legally eligible to vote.
- **Expanding Absentee Voting (HB 43):** Weakening absentee ballot protections increases the risk of ballot harvesting and errors in the chain of custody. Nationwide, mail-in ballots have a higher rejection rate due to mistakes, leading to disenfranchisement.
- **Redefining "Unlawful Interference with Voting" (HB 43):** If vaguely written, this could be used to intimidate election observers and limit transparency. Oversight is essential for free and fair elections.

Both HB 43 and HB 21 are being pushed by left-leaning organizations that advocate for policies weakening election security nationwide. These bills should be rejected.

Instead, I Strongly Support SB 52 & SB 64

Rather than advancing legislation that compromises election security, I urge you to support **SB 52 and SB 64**, which take meaningful steps to restore public trust in Alaska's elections:

- **SB 52 eliminates Ranked Choice Voting (RCV)**, returning to a **one-person, one-vote system** that is simple, transparent, and fair. RCV has led to voter confusion, disenfranchisement, and candidates winning without true majority support.
- **SB 64 strengthens election integrity** by:

- **Cleaning voter registration rolls** by ensuring ineligible voters are removed efficiently.
- **Ensuring ballots are counted promptly**, expediting the election process while maintaining security.
- **Enhancing election transparency** with provisions that secure the voting process.

I urge you to **oppose HB 43 and HB 21** and instead support **SB 52 and SB 64** to protect the integrity of Alaska's elections. Voters must have confidence in the security, transparency, and fairness of our electoral system.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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