

Written Testimony submitted "To Review Elections Administration and Voting Rights in Central New York"

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Good afternoon Senator Myrie and Election Committee,

My name is Jennie Bacon and I am the Democratic Commissioner in St. Lawrence County, I have been at the Board of Elections since 2006, Commissioner since 2009. I am also an active member and currently hold the position of Secretary/Treasurer for the New York State Election Commissioners Association.

Elections have made some incredible changes since I started at the Board of Elections in 2006, from HAVA, voting machines, our voter registration system, Early Voting to electronic Pollbooks. These changes were all possible and done responsibly with bi-partisan boards making important decisions to continuously improve the voting process for all the voters of New York State. County Boards were led by the bi-partisan teams at the state board and have made many local decisions again with bi-partisan representation.

The bi-partisanship at the Boards of Elections across New York State is what the voters of this great state deserve. The balance of the two major parties being represented at each board is a reassurance to voters of every party. The rights of all voters is covered with bi-partisan boards.

I have worked with many Commissioners from both parties across the state as we have shared thoughts, ideas, and helped each other through the many changes. The bi-partisan work that happens across this state on a daily basis is not seen by the public, this is something all voters would be proud to see. No one writes a flashy news story on the great work being done by bi-partisan Election officials.

Bi-partisan Boards of Elections makes elections fair and equal for all voters.

Thank you for your time.

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