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**Dear Committee to Review Written Testimonies,**

**Please read my written testimony below in opposition to SB22-153. Thank you!**

**Jenny Phelps**

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Respectfully,

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*a parable:*

So, I'm driving my late model Der Minion down the highway, and it seems to be keeping up with traffic just fine, but people keep honking and pointing at the black smoke billowing from the tailpipe, so I start listening and do hear some chunks, grinds, and whistles. So, I pull over.

Under SB1984-153 it is now illegal for me to look under the hood. It is even illegal to hire a mechanic to look under the hood. It is illegal for me to take a picture of the mechanical workings or hook up the diagnostic tool to see what might be wrong in the digital workings before The Trusted Fixer comes to rework my Der Minion truck.

At this point I am grumbling about the dealership, The Griz, that sold me this lemon. Oops! That's illegal, too! I can't sue the manufacturer, Der Minion. AND, if that isn't bad enough, now my family is forced to buy Der Minions even though we've decided to commute by bicycle because the trucks are just not reliable.

All this because Tiny Peters Cottontail once dared look under a hood.

Shameful! SB22-153 is unconstitutional, tyrannical and un-American.

Stop it now!

If it's all good, let's look under the hood!

SINCERELY,

Paula Johnson

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*"In times like these, when deception is so well entrenched and truth is so obscure, unless we love the truth, we cannot know it."*

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SB22-153 Internal Election Security Measures

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Paula Bacheller Against Self	This Bill SB22-153 will take away yet one more of our rights as Americans to check/verify a transparent election. There is NO reason to eliminate a citizens right to FREE and FAIR election. Moreover, why don't you let the voter rolls be public also each on of us can see if a person is alive, a citizen of the US and in the correct address to allow our precious right to vote. PLEASE DO NOT let this vote be passed.
Cici Metzler Against Self	Bill 153 violates free speech and should not be allowed to pass. Public officials need to be accountable on both sides. This Bill would severely restrict voters from knowing how elections are being handled.  I'm strongly against it
Cinda Badila Against Self	Dear Representatives.  I am writing to let you know I oppose this Senate Bill 153.  The citizens of Colorado have the right to demand secure elections and do not believe that giving our current Secretary of State this much legal power is in our best interest. This power grab must be stopped. This does not provide and level of balance of power for our state.  I urge you to stop this unconstitutional bill immediately.  Cinda Basila, Delegate Precinct 199 Jefferson County Republican Party
Diana Bara Against Self	I am against SB22-153 for the following reasons: 1.SB-153 was proposed and presented to Senators Fenberg and Priola and Representative Lontine by the sitting Secretary of State, Jena Griswold who is currently pursuing indictments against Mesa County Clerk & Recorder, Tina Peters. This bill reflects the nature of those indictments and is a direct conflict of interest for Griswold and her upcoming election. It should be postponed indefinitely based on that merit alone. 2.In addition, it consolidates virtually all election authority into the Secretary of State's office taking it away from the citizen elected county Clerks and Recorders. They (the counties) are the governing body that should be proposing the security measures for their elections not the state. 3.This bill requires that all counties adopt an electronic or electromechanical voting system to be used for tabulating votes at all

	<p>elections. These electronic tabulating machines have been proven to contain vulnerabilities that could affect the election outcome. Specifically, Dominion which uses a self- signed encryption certificate that exposes the system to the risk of undetected compromise or alteration and firewall settings that allow any computer in the world to connect, plus numerous other issues.</p> <p>4.This bill will hide the election system from the voters, and it removes legitimate and necessary authority from county clerks, county commissioners and canvass boards as written in the Colorado Constitution.</p> <p>5.It is the antithesis of free, fair and transparent elections.</p>
<p>JENNY PHELPS Against Self</p>	<p>WRITTEN TESTIMONY regarding SENATE BILL 153 (SB22-153)</p> <p>I am a citizen of Highlands Ranch, Colorado and am hereby submitting this written Testimony OPPOSING SENATE BILL 153 concerning the OVERSTEPPING of the Secretary of State’s duties in regards to Election Integrity.</p> <p>There are just too many reasons why this Bill does not make sense, a few include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Putting one person in charge of election security and nullifying the role of essentially 64 County Clerks, one person doing the job of 64 people . . . definitely not a good use of Clerks and taking away one of their most important jobs which is LOOKING FOR IRREGULARITIES and ensuring election integrity.</li> <li>2) Regardless of political affiliation, this Bill creates no Checks and Balances for making sure election results are LEGAL and TRULY REPRESENT the people who are alive, registered, and real.</li> <li>3) Why would Colorado even consider using the Dominion machines considering there is so much controversy regarding their use? It seems that both Democrats and Republicans would agree on a system that is truly fair, honest, and law abiding, and involves input from every County in the State.</li> <li>4) Creating a law that punishes the County Clerk for doing exactly what they are supposed to do seems quite ludicrous! Don’t we want our clerks to report irregularities so that we know our votes are actually being accounted for?</li> <li>5) Considering this is a Partisan Bill, that also does not lend itself to being an objective suitable for all parties, especially when the rights of the voters are at stake.</li> </ol> <p>PLEASE USE COMMON SENSE and DO NOT put this magnanimous job in the hands of one person, that is not logical and is just plain WRONG!!!! And regardless of political affiliation, this proposed change in elections is extremely prone to manipulation!!</p>

	<p>REMEMBER THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO REPRESENT YOUR CONSTITUENTS!!!!</p> <p>PLEASE VOTE NO on this Bill, it DOES NOT represent the people of your Great State!!</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Jenny Phelps Highlands Ranch Jenphelps24@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Kristen Bara Against Self</p>	<p>I am against SB22-153. These are the reasons why:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This bill will consolidate all election authority to the Secretary of State and take it away from our duly elected county clerks. It strips authority away from our county commissioners, county clerks, and canvas boards. It is important to have these checks and balances in place and not consolidate all authority to one elected official to ensure integrity and accountability.</li> <li>2. It requires all counties over 1000 people conduct their elections with electronic voting equipment. Recent audits of this voting equipment show vulnerabilities including the ability to allow wireless devices and any computer in the world to connect to the Election Management System server and systematic deletion of election records through an unauditible "back door" system. This election equipment is also in violation of the Voting System Standards by allowing the ability to change calculated vote totals.</li> <li>3. This bill will be in direct conflict with current state and federal laws. It prevents county personnel from making a back-up image of the hard drive of any competent of the voting system to preserve election records required by State and Federal law. It also does not allow computer experts to inspect or verify whether the voting systems comply with State law.</li> <li>4. Lastly, not support free, fair, and transparent elections and will further disfranchise voters.</li> </ol> <p>Please vote against this bill.</p>
<p>Dennis Chappell Against Self</p>	<p>SB 22-153 is probably the worst, most dangerous item of legislation in Colorado's history.</p> <p>It will and and is, apparently intended, to place all power over elections in the hands of one partisan elected official. It will end the sacred constitutional principle of 'one person, one vote' by setting up an insecure, hackable electronic system that is essentially designed to be</p>

	<p>manipulated. The bill provides for punishment for dissent by county clerks and establishes a mechanism for indoctrinating and supervising their actions with regard to elections in the individual counties.</p> <p>We citizens expect you, our elected representatives to act to protect our representative system and reject this legislation that essentially sets up a totalitarian system of elections.</p>
<p>Amy Grant Against Self</p>	<p>Countless voters across CO share deep concerns about the sanctity of elections, and the bill further provokes these voters. The bill is a poor substitute for transparency. In each of our counties, we elect a County Clerk and Recorder, to ensure our Constitutional right to vote. Elections are designed to be local: to occur and be managed at the local level, and to be maintained with proper checks and balances at the local level. Rolling this up to SecState destroys all trust in the election process, and smacks of government overreach. The bill disenfranchises voters by imposing a \$100,000 fine + jail time on anyone to examine the validity of our elections, or the voting machines. This will only exacerbate the current situation and enrage more Coloradans. How can our Clerks preserve election records for the required duration as outlined by CRS if you pass this law? This bill is unconstitutional as it directly contradicts Colorado law and federal law. Why do you feel it's necessary to eliminate appellate review? It's hard to perceive this as anything but an attempt to circumvent scrutiny. This does nothing to promote trust in our elections; in fact it has quite the opposite impact. As written, Section 7 comes dangerously close to being a bill of attainder, which is a violation of the U.S. Constitution Section 9, Clause 3, or a bill of "pains and punishments" which singles out a particular person, in this case Jena Griswold's opponent for SecState. Any reasonable person can see, if the true intention of the bill is to increase election security, there wouldn't be such a rush to pass it without proper vetting or a ballot measure. It seems highly suspect that the Colorado Secretary of State suddenly wants to ban paper ballots of any kind, at the same time that more and more voters are demanding a return to paper. Last year Griswold passed election law changes through Executive Order, despite 1000+ people testifying against it. In the entire hearing, not one individual spoke in favor of her changes, but she ignored the People, as any dictator would. Given the rising support for Sec State candidate Tina Peters, if you pass this bill, are you comfortable knowing that Tina Peters will have these powers, to override all CO County Clerks?</p> <p>Will you accept defeat when it occurs through your own actions?</p> <p>I urge you to vote no on SB153, and instead give the People free and fair elections with increased transparency and local control + oversight.</p> <p>Sincerely, Amy Grant</p>
<p>LaDonna Robertson Against</p>	<p>Sb22-153 makes it impossible for the Clerk to do their actual job of preserving the records per Colorado and federal Law. The bill harms</p>

<p>Self</p>	<p>election security - not protects it. This bill also fundamentally destroys mine and all other Coloradans rights to make sure our vote is counted. It also creates distrust in our elections, discouraging people to vote. You should be wanting people to vote, not the other way around!                  This bill will have the effect of suppressing voting. You must vote NO on this bill.                  WHY DO YOU WANT TO DISENFRANCHISE THE VOTERS OF COLORADO???</p>
<p>Rhonda Roberts                  Against                  Self</p>	<p>I am writing this email to respectfully request that you vote against SB22-153. This bill is specifically designed to remove the power and authority of County Clerks and Recorders across this state and to put the power and authority into the hands of one person. That person is the Secretary of State, said office currently being held by Jena Griswold. This is a blatant attempt to centralize the voting process at the State level with no accountability to the citizens of this State. There would be no transparency and no way of assuring that our right to secure elections is not infringed upon. This is clearly a power grab that denies the right to free and secure elections.</p> <p>There has been much proof provided in recent weeks that the Dominion voting machine in Mesa County, Colorado's 2020 General election as well as their 2021 Municipal election was hacked or manipulated from within the machine. There is clear proof that there were 36 wireless devices within the machine, a direct violation of law. In addition the report confirms "two sets of books" or in other words two sets of voter records, one of which was hidden from view. This information was compiled by two cyber security experts, Jeff O'Donnell and Dr. Walter Daugherty, who spent several months doing a complete forensic audit of the machine. There were two forensic photos taken in May of 2021: the first photo captured the results of the 2020 general election and the second was taken immediately after the State had completed downloading a new software update which they termed the "Trusted Build." The comparison of these two forensic photos prove without a doubt that voting records were destroyed and manipulated as a result of the State's software update. This is a clear violation of the Colorado election laws that state that results of an election must be kept secure for at least 25 months after the election. These actions by the Secretary of State's Office must be investigated and criminal charges filed against those complicit in the act of destroying and manipulating election records. We demand that we return to paper ballots at the precinct level to assure the integrity of the voting process in our state.</p> <p>This bill is indeed a clear and present danger to our freedom. Without secure elections our freedom will be lost forever. Once again, if you value the freedoms we enjoy in this nation you must vote NO on SB22-153.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p>

	<p>Rhonda Roberts 1011 Bragdon Ave, Apt 2 Pueblo, CO 81004</p>
<p>Karen Seibold Amend Self</p>	<p>SB22-153 is a bill that ultimately takes the control of our Colorado elections and puts it in the hands of the SOS office. It is an attempt to stop transparency and accountability at the local level by criminalizing the very elected clerks that are responsible for our elections. This bill makes it illegal to do a complete forensic backup of election data therefore making it impossible to retain election data for the required 25 months in Colorado.</p> <p>In addition it makes it mandatory for every county in the state to use machines to carry our the vote. Given the enormous amount of evidence that has been revealed over the last several months not only in Colorado but states across the country, it is unreasonable to use equipment that can be tampered with, hacked, or otherwise compromised for our sacred vote.</p> <p>It is without hesitation that I absolutely am against this bill as written and believe that it is another attempt by the Secretary of State to cover up her misdeeds and usurp all control of the elections in the state of Colorado.</p>
<p>Christy Fidura Against Self</p>	<p>I am absolutely opposed to this bill</p> <p>First of all, the Secretary of State appears to be using it to push a "nothing to see here" type of agenda. It is my experience that when that occurs, that is when the most egregious acts against the people are being committed.</p> <p>The County Clerk and Recorders are elected for a number of reasons, one of which is to oversee elections on a county by county basis. This bill will strip them of that power and centralize our elections to the SOS and Denver, where it does not belong. This is just the first step in ultimately centralizing our elections in DC. It begs the question, what does Denver know about representing rural CO, and, in turn, what does DC know about representing the people of CO? The answer is simple. NOTHING.</p> <p>In sections 1 and 12, you could post 100 people, regardless of affiliation, to watch these machines, but at the end of the day, if they have internet and wifi connectivity, they can be controlled from anywhere in the world and watching the outside of the machine is not going to tell you a thing about what is happening inside.</p> <p>Section 10 No county should be required to purchase these machines if they are found by the people to be unfair or invalid. The SOS should recognize this fact based on her illegal action to certify these machines with an unaccredited company prior to the 2020 Presidential election. In truth, Secretary Griswold should actually be facing criminal charges and</p>

	<p>incarceration for her dereliction of duty in certifying the machines ahead of the 2020 elections.</p> <p>Section 11 is another smoke and mirrors tactic being employed by the SOS to stop the people from seeing what is truly going on with the machines. The County Clerk and Recorders have not only the right, but an obligation to provide images to ensure the people are, in fact, being given the opportunity to free and fair elections. What is she trying to hide??</p> <p>Sections 14 and 15 are intimidation at it's core. To threaten any local elected official with the power to enforce jail time and fines if they do not agree to fall in line with the ridiculous rules this bill outlines using scare tactics should be criminal.</p> <p>This bill is unconstitutional. It does not protect the people of Colorado. It does not allow the counties to oversee their own elections and the will of the people. Everything outlined in this bill should be deemed illegal and the bill should be shut down immediately.</p>
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