



Testimony in response to SB-021 Donna LaBelle to: committees.lcs.ga 01/26/2023 06:19 PM

My name is Donna LaBelle. Thank you, Senator Liston, for this opportunity to share my thoughts.

When I bring up politics and government to certain friends and family members, they become furious and refuse to talk about them. They are too angry to even tell me why they are angry. And I also, am beginning to feel that people in government actually want the general population to leave them alone, that they prefer there to be a great chasm between the people and them, that we interfere with their plans.

This bill is a perfect example of what I am talking about. I thought hard about it and could find no good or beneficial reason *for* it. It feels like a waste of time and taxpayer money when there are so many real battles to be engaged in. Like fighting to save the unborn. Fighting to protect our Second Amendment rights. Fighting for our children against this disastrous education system and the nightmare that kids have to navigate every day. But to focus our attention on an effort to further divide the will of the people from the desires of elected officials? I use that term lightly, elected, because I don't know a single person who believes that our elections are fair and that their vote makes any difference at all.

When people who care about our state start getting involved, they should be welcomed and listened to. That is what happens at assemblies. We, the people, show up. And now you, the government, are saying let's add another layer of deception by placing names randomly on the ballot. What purpose could there possibly be for that except to further silence those who make it to the Top Line and continue favoring those who pay to play by hiring petitioners. I and many others are starting to understand the game.

What is being swept under the rug is becoming a mountain that can't be hidden very well anymore. This state is beginning to look more like 'Venezarado' where our El Paso County GOP chair is being targeted and silenced for doing the right things. I am not attacking you, Senator Liston. I respect you and your office but I am definitely calling out the seriously wrong things being done in our state. I go over your head and appeal to the Lord Jesus Christ to expose hidden things and to save our state.

I think this bill is a shameful example of dishonest schemes planned against the people.

I am grateful for this opportunity to speak and I thank you for listening.

Donna LaBelle

Addendum: Thank you for postponing indefinitely!



SB23-021 Written Testimony

Laurel Anne Flahive to: committees.lcs.ga@coleg.gov

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Hello again Senators. I want to thank you for your efforts at governing well and for listening to me today. My name is Laurel Anne Flahive, and I'm the House District 22 Chair.

I'd like to recount a story that happened in our nearby El Paso County. I'm the weirdo the gets jazzed about politics. In my family we have a "Super Bowl Tuesday" spread of snacks and stay up till the wee hours of the morning watching the general election televised. It's a real party! My kids, now young adults, color in the map red and blue, as states are called for one candidate or another. And, we have the printer set to print new maps, as in recent years the states have changed back-and-forth back-and-forth back-and-forth!

Like you, I understand the elation to find passionate voters, because you know how hard they are to find. □ So, you can imagine my over the moon excitement when I walked through the doors of our County Assembly to what looked like a high school homecoming pep rally! In El Paso County our community is coming together and coalescing around candidates like I have never seen before in my multiple decades of being engaged in politics. There were banners waving, matching tshirts, and stickers declaring who people were supporting everywhere!! People were already chanting for their candidates, in the wee hours of a Saturday morning. My heart sang to see the hugging, the talking and engaging one another!!

At Assembly, this excited, engaged, and educated bunch coalesced overwhelmingly around a slate of candidates who had the same values. The victory for the people's choice candidates swept the Assemblies across the districts.

As you know, the highest vote getters at assembly get top line on the ballot. Across Colorado, the Delegates to Assembly voted for candidates cut from the same ideological cloth. And seeing this, we campaigned for the "TopLineCandidate". Vote Top Line became our slogan.

Well, the Establishment can't have the people rising up and revolting against their decades of engrained and established ways.

And so today, Senator Liston brings before you a bill, to radically change our caucus and assembly process, so that "rag-tag" "misfits" can not undermine the elites who's livelihood depends on playing musical chairs in office.

For the will of the people, and by and outpouring pleadings of the will of the people to leave caucus as it is, including the highest vote getters at Assembly getting top line on the ballot, thank you for voting down SB23-021.



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Greetings,

Ask, whom does this serve? Answer... the rich petitioners and the rich politicians! This is a waste of time and it diminishes the Colorado tradition. Caucus gatherings and delegates at assembly are a very special and almost unique Colorado-thing. Just another political move against the voice of the people. A type of censorship. Let's focus on more pressing issues. Shall we?

With due respect,

Robin Taton Rock

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