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TESTIMONY OF THE
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 128
RELATING TO ELECTIONS

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Chair Karamatsu and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 128. The purpose of this bill is to make nomination papers available until the 58th day prior to the filing deadline and provides three (3) additional business days for candidates to file papers if there are no candidates for an office.

If this law is in effect for the 2010 Elections, the deadline to receive nomination papers would be May 21, 2010 and the Office of Elections would not issue any nomination papers after this date. This would mean potential candidates would have a little less than four months to decide to run for office, apply, and receive nomination papers.

Furthermore, the 58th day prior to the candidate filing deadline, will always fall on a Sunday, therefore making nomination papers available up until 60th day prior to the candidate filing deadline.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 128.

Respectfully Submitted:

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