Hello election officials,

I have been monitoring my local elections in person since I was first on the ballot in 2010. This past year was the first year I had to give up and go home at 1am while the counting continued throughout the rest of the night and well into Wednesday. I felt this was not the best use of our election workers and election administrators. In fact, I feel working all night was detrimental to the accuracy and integrity of our election process.

Therefore, I have proposed a bill that simply removes the Election Day Continuous Counting requirement from the 2023 Legislative Session, the full text of the bill can be seen here: https://bills.legmt.gov/#/lc/bill/2/LC2114

As you can see on Page 1, lines 17-19 have been stricken.

I am preparing for the committee hearing and I am trying to determine the support from election officials around the state.

My questions to you are:

May I mention your county in my testimony?

Do you support removing the 2023 continuous counting provision?

OR, are you Neutral or Opposed to my proposed legislation?

Are you willing to testify in the hearing?

(You can testify as a Proponent, Opponent, or simply as an Informational Witness. I encourage any and all testimony.)

If you wish to testify, do you prefer to testify via Zoom, in writing, or In Person?

Thank you for your prompt response. I expect this committee hearing to be scheduled later this week or early next week.

I appreciate your time, feel free to call me with any questions.

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