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below is testimony for the oct. 19 hearing. i also wish to give oral testimony. please acknowledge receipt.

On Sunday I was looking at my calendar for the coming week and noticed Standards of Conduct. I had not received notice of a meeting. I checked the website. Nothing. At 3:07 pm, Monday, October 17, into my inbox popped notice of a hearing for Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 2 pm, less than 47 hours before the meeting. Thirteen draft bills were listed for consideration. This is why the legislature must follow the sunshine law, and you should find ways to make that happen instead of finding obstacles and passing on to other issues. As one of the Star Trek captains said, "make it so."

Preparing testimony is time consuming, starting with reading the material. Your group is one commission meeting outside of the legislative session. Imagine the problem regular folk face when they are assaulted by a barrage of meetings with longer agenda. It is an impossible task. The legislature serves the people and should not make it difficult for them to participate. The legislature asks for written testimony at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. A difficult task becomes harder than climbing Mount Everest.

Given time constraints, here is my rushed testimony on some of the drafts. Mostly I support the drafts and am only commenting on questionable language in several bills.

Regarding the service of preliminary determination of probable cause, your notification timelines are unrealistic unless you require priority mail or express mail. For many years the postal service delivered mail in one day. Then along came Louis DeJoy, the postmaster general, who ruined mail service nationally. We are lucky if we receive mail in two days. Often it is three to five days for a letter to travel several blocks. The Office of Elections tells voters that they need to drop off their ballots if the election is less than three days away.

Regarding campaign contributions, if you restrict those holding elective office from holding fundraisers during sessions, you must include all candidates. The draft bill also talks about special sessions, etc. These are scheduled with short notice. Fundraisers require much advance preparation. This bill is unworkable.

My biggest concern is that this commission is composed of ethical, law abiding members. You do not think as criminals. You do not act as criminals. You do not flout the law. You don't know how to flout the law. Thus, you can address issues that you have seen in the past but are at a disadvantage of imagining other "bad" actions which the transgressors may employ.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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