

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

**Subject: Section 4 of S.298**

Good morning Senators Collamore, Clarkson, Morley, White and Vyhovsky,

**I write in hopes you will vote today to remove section 4 of S.298.**

This afternoon you will again be considering S.298, a voting rights bill. As you likely know, House GovOps added section 4, adding a new task for the Ethics Commission to take on, an election-related task that has been handled well by the Office of the Secretary of State's Election Division for years. I understand that both the Ethics Commission and the Election Division are understaffed. Nonetheless, it makes no sense to assign the tiny staff of the Ethics Commission a task for which it has no history or expertise.

Unfortunately, it is unlikely I will be able to be present this afternoon. I look forward to learning the outcome of today's hearing.

With best regards,

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