

Comments electronically submitted to the Texas House Elections Committee on June 12, 2024:

Dear Members of the Elections Committee, my name is Christine Welborn and I am the President of Advancing Integrity. Thank you for considering my comments.

Advancing Integrity wholeheartedly endorses the decision to terminate the ERIC partnership in which Texas was previously engaged. As demonstrated during the 2023 legislative session, it is evident this partnership no longer aligned with the best interests of our state. Instead, we urge you to explore partnerships with other states to prevent duplicate voter registrations while safeguarding the rights of all eligible voters.

Furthermore, I urge lawmakers, the Secretary of State, and Attorney General Ken Paxton to take any actions afforded to them calling on the federal government to share information regarding non-citizens who may be registered to vote in Texas.

I would like to stress that expanding online registration would decrease the accuracy of our voter rolls. Advancing Integrity advocates for voter registration that requires a wet signature, ink on paper, and proof of residency and citizenship at the time of registration.

Preserving the sanctity of our elections requires transparency and cooperation at all levels of government, and it is imperative that steps be taken to address any potential vulnerabilities in our voter rolls.