

Testimony in OPPOSITION of H. 5457 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS, Hearing on April 22, 2025

Dear Esteemed committee members,

I am writing today to express my opposition to H. 5457, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS

Public records should be available to anyone at no charge. Public records are for the public, every member of the public. Everyone cannot afford to pay for public records when requested and no one should. Those records are ours. We pay for them through our taxes. We should not have to pay for them again.

Please join me in opposing this bill. These are the people's records. The people should have access to them without having to make payment for them and any outstanding charges should be forgiven/waived.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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