

Testimony of Albert Becco, Pueblo, CO  
IN SUPPORT OF SB 147, PROHIBIT FALSE ELECTION INFO MADE TO DETER VOTING BEFORE THE HOUSE  
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

I am in complete support of this bill because of the experience I have had with robo calls and the effect such robo calls could have on voting Americans across the United States. I am under the impression that such robo calls were purposefully directed to citizens with demographics similar to my own and I want to do everything in my nature to protect my fellow citizens from being tricked out of our basic, yet extremely precious right to vote.

The night of November 3, 2008, I received a robo call expressing that my precinct number had been changed and that voting polls would be extended for an additional day through November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Feeling perturbed by these last minute changes I called the Pueblo County Court House the next morning. I was reassured that the phone call I received the night before was a farce and that elections would be carried out as normal; my precinct number had not changed and my polling location would continue to be the same. I was disturbed by the false information I had been given the night before, but continued to vote as normal.

Then around 5 P.M. the night of election, November 4<sup>th</sup> 2008, I received yet another robo call this time falsely informing me that election polling locations had closed early and would longer be open to voters. This was clearly false information since polling location were, and always are, open until 7 P.M.

It is my concern that without the passing of this bill misleading robo calls will continue to target my generation and negatively affect voter participation. In support of Senate Bill 147 I hope to protect any American citizen whose Constitutional right to vote is threatened by the problem arousing robo calls.