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Subject: Fwd: [ELEC] STANDARD: House Elections and Ethics Standing Committee Meeting
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Personal Comment for the Record on HB4177 and HB4178

As the House Fiscal Agency's legislative analysis states, bills similar to HB4177 and HB4178 were proposed last year with the stated aim of avoiding possible confusion about a ballot having party symbols at the top in place of a straight-ticket device (due to SB13/2015 PA 268). However, those bills were not passed into law -- and court decisions blocked implementation of SB13/2015 PA 268, so the straight-ticket device is still on the ballot.

That means HB4177 and HB4178 are a solution in search of a problem. They are also a problem in themselves, because their only impact now would be to make ballots less clear and voting harder. I urge the committee to reject these bills.

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The Four Pillars of GPMI:
Grassroots Democracy
Social Justice
Ecological Wisdom
Non-Violence
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Decentralization

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Standing Committee Meeting

Elections and Ethics, Rep. Aaron Miller, Chair

DATE: Thursday, March 30, 2017

TIME: 10:30 AM

PLACE: Room 308, House Office Building, Lansing, MI

AGENDA:

HB 4177 (Rep. Vaupel) Elections; ballots; requirement of political party
vignettes being printed on election ballots; remove.

HB 4178 (Rep. Canfield) Elections; ballots; reference to party vignette
in the Michigan campaign finance act; remove.

OR ANY BUSINESS PROPERLY BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE

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