

Howdy, below is my testimony for Item IV. Please let me know if there are any questions or issues.

Thank you.

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Chair and Honorable Members

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Subject: Item IV - Administrative Regulation

Dear Chair and Honorable Members:

Make the Road Nevada is focused on building capacity and engaging our membership and the broader Immigrant and Latinx communities to participate in our democratic system and ensure more accurate representation at the local, state, and federal levels.

Many immigrant communities are already targets of profiling and discrimination. Oftentimes immigrant households are told to not speak their native tongues for fear that they will be targets of bigotry. This can lead to self-censorship being higher amongst new citizens than natural-born citizens. The right to be able to cast a ballot freely, safely and privately is essential for creating a more inclusive democracy.

Further, election departments play an indispensable role in ensuring the smooth operation of our democratic processes. It is crucial to acknowledge that these individuals are often already stretched thin, when looking at the scrutiny and long hours they work. The transition to hand-counting of ballots will cause an additional unnecessary burden on election departments.