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Chairman Maxey and members of the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections – Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify on AB 149, relating to the nomination of presidential electors.

Last election cycle, in an attack on democracy, the Democratic National Committee sought to prevent the Green Party ballot access on the presidential ballot, citing that their party does not have any state office holders to nominate presidential electors in Wisconsin. Ultimately, the Wisconsin Supreme Court did not hear the lawsuit, and Jill Stein remained on the ballot.

We believe that no political candidate should be restricted ballot access and discouraged to run because their respective party has not won a political office yet. A party is not entitled to a monopoly for ballot access and certain votes.

To make the law clear, this legislation protects political third parties from frivolous lawsuits by allowing the chairperson of the party's state committee to nominate their presidential electors.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify on this legislation and would gladly answer any questions the committee may have.