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## **Concerns on SB 84**

First, laws already cover these concerns. This bill may increase the penalties but creates a special class for election workers at the same time. Why single out just election workers?

Also concerning is how Senate Bill 84 is very similar to Democrat Senator Klobuchar's bill at the federal level. Senator Klobuchar is one of the most radical members of the US Senate and

- 1. Protection of Election Officials:
- 2. Penalty Provisions:
- 3. Scope of Protection:

While these are good objectives, again, laws already cover the types of offenses covered in this bill and the vague definitions that Democrats, such as Senator Klobuchar, use to silence any questioning of election results or even concerns about election integrity in general.

## Potential Impact on Election Integrity Concerns

1. Silencing Concerns: It could be argued that bills such as this could silence legitimate concerns about election integrity by labeling them as harassment or intimidation. SB 84 includes provisions that could be interpreted broadly, such as "engages in conduct reasonably calculated to harass or alarm" election officials or their families *(Section 1 of SB 84)[1].* This could encompass peaceful protests or public inquiries into election officials' actions.

2. **Broad Definitions:** The inclusion of "conduct reasonably calculated to harass or alarm" and the dissemination of personal information could be interpreted broadly, potentially encompassing activities beyond actual harassment *(Section 1 of SB 84)[1].* 

3. Balance Between Protection and Free Speech: While protecting election officials is crucial, we must balance this protection with the right to free speech and the ability to scrutinize electoral processes. Overly broad interpretations could undermine transparency and accountability in elections.

In summary, there is a risk that this bill could be used to suppress legitimate concerns about election integrity if not carefully implemented and interpreted. We ask that you do everything you can to keep this bill from coming to a vote, even if a filibuster is required.