

Opponent Testimony
5 February 2024
HB 2603
House Elections

Chairman Proctor, Vice-Chair Waggoner, Ranking Minority Woodard, and
Esteemed Members of the House Elections Committee,

Thank you for your work in Kansas Elections issues.

I stand in opposition to HB 2603. While it has a warm-fuzzy feeling of letting citizens be involved, we've seen the citizens of Kansas be ignored, degraded, defamed, and disparaged not only by society, but specifically by some on this very dias when they beg for election integrity and show weaknesses in our current system.

Any time citizens can be engaged to affect change, that's great, but the way this board is set up, I believe it will only be a pat on the back for those legislators saying, "We let the people have a voice." No one on this proposed citizen committee would allow anyone who is concerned about election integrity to be on this panel. Nothing in this bill allows the citizens to make law, nor their recommendations come with any type of "teeth," so its impact would be severely limited, and I'd go as far as to say it's a waste of time. Citizens are already allowed to redress their grievances with their electeds, and I believe we should leave it as it is.

I urge your opposition to HB 2603.

Thank you,

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