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Thank you to the committee for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB 2572.

On behalf of The NAACP Kansas State Conference, we stand unified in opposition against HB2572 which imposes personal delivery restrictions on individuals delivering advance voting ballots on behalf of other voters.

Specifically, we are opposed to such legislation because it lacks any real need for implementation and would disenfranchise Kansas voters such as the disabled and elderly who rely upon others to deliver advance voting ballots; increases administrative burden on election office staff and could increase privacy and security concerns about photographing individuals with their ballots; potentially have a disparate impact on communities with limited resources and marginalized communities; burden voters by creating unnecessary confusion and uncertainty; significantly delay the election process; and most importantly could have a significantly adverse impact on individuals who would otherwise be willing to assist others in delivering ballots.

Given the language of this bill, it appears to constrict voting rights for Kansans rather than to make the process fully accessible and open. Finally, the proposed requirements in HB2572 do not appear to be justified by evidence of widespread voter fraud in ballot delivery. It only appears to hinder the process of voter assistance.

Please consider placing committee efforts in a more favorable manner such as allowing Kansans to utilize the advance ballot delivery process to ensure all have access to the voting process in a timely manner without undue restrictions on any Kansan or election office. This is how we want to see our government work – for the people!

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