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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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BILL NUMBER: SB 321

PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: Opponent

ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY: WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

Dear Chairman Thompson & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill SB 321.

First of all, I would like to state the fact that there is not enough transparency from this body because the contents of this bill were not ready to read not even 24 hours prior to this committee hearing today. Citizens of Kansas should not have short turnarounds and impossible deadlines for many working class citizens to provide input on this massive election bill.

I am against spending Kansas taxpayer money to fund more election dates such as this one. I urge you all to consider the potential harm of confusing election bills. As you know, our democracy relies on free and fair elections, and any attempts to undermine or suppress the vote can have severe consequences. When election bills are confusing or difficult to understand, it can create confusion and uncertainty among voters, leading to disenfranchisement and a lack of trust in the electoral process.

While it may seem well-intentioned, the reality is that this bill is unnecessary and could have serious negative consequences for our democracy. I urge this committee to oppose this bill.

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