

## SB5 Written-only Proponent Testimony

Chairman Proctor and Members of the Committee,

SB5 is about keeping Kansas elections under Kansas control—where they belong.

The U.S. Constitution makes it clear that elections are the responsibility of state legislatures. But lately, we've seen increased efforts by the federal government to inject itself into state election processes. President Biden's **Executive Order 14019** is a prime example—directing federal agencies to get involved in election-related activities, often in ways that lack transparency. That's not how elections should be run.

SB5 ensures that no federal money goes directly to election offices or officials, closing the door on any attempt to use federal funds to influence how Kansas elections are conducted. If federal dollars are needed for elections, they should go through the **state budgeting process**, just like any other funding, with oversight and accountability.

Kansas took a strong stand in 2021 by **banning private money in elections**, recognizing the risk of outside influence. SB5 builds on that by making sure federal funds don't create the same concerns. At the end of the day, **this is about trust**—voters should have confidence that Kansas elections are run by Kansas officials, without interference from Washington, D.C.

I urge you to support SB5 and protect the integrity of our elections.

Respectfully submitted,

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