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### Testimony on HB 2446 (Oral Support)

House Committee on Elections  
Thursday, January 15, 2026

Chair Proctor and members of the Committee:

The Kansas Secretary of State supports HB 2446 which would repeal the attribution requirement for the name of a candidate's treasurer:

KSA 25-4156 requires candidates to include a "paid for" attribution that includes the name of the campaign committee treasurer. There are three reasons to repeal this requirement.

- It's unnecessary since the public interest is in who paid for the message and it's obvious when it is the candidate's campaign. This is unlike a PAC, where the individuals behind the money may be obscure and the public has a right to know a name.
- For candidates, many treasurers are volunteers hired for bookkeeping expertise and to file reports on time. It is a disincentive for a volunteer treasurer to have their name on every mailer whose message, especially negative messaging, they had no role in creating.
- Some candidates name an individual as treasurer solely for their "public name" delegating the actual work to others. A repeal would eliminate the incentive to name as treasurer anyone other than the individual who does the work. This will ensure the named treasurer not only has the legal responsibility for tracking funds and filing reports but is also the one who performs these tasks.

This bill would not affect the attribution mandate for a political committee (PAC) or party committee.

Sincerely,

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