

Written Opponent Testimony on HB 2438

House Committee on Elections

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Chair Proctor and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my opposition to HB 2438. This bill provides the Secretary of State Power to ban online voter registration tools for any reason they see fit. There is no framework provided in the bill for what an acceptable online voter registration tool would be. There is also no allowance made for development of a state-run online voter registration tool. The law is to go into effect immediately, however there will be no rules set for creating an online voter registration tool until after the 2026 election. Kansas should be providing safe and secure options for voter registration and this bill provides nothing of the sort. For years we have heard from the Secretary of State in Kansas that our elections are fair and free from election fraud. This bill is unnecessary and puts an undue burden on Kansas Citizens wanting to register to vote.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

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