

Opposition Written-Only Testimony for **HB 2438**
For the House Committee on Elections
Kristen Blackton, Private Citizen
January 15th, 2026

Chair Proctor and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent testimony. My name is Kristen Blackton, and I am a resident of Johnson County and an every-election voter. I am writing to you today to urge that you vote **NO** on HB 2438.

I vividly remember when I registered to vote not long after my eighteenth birthday. I was so excited to finally be able to make my voice heard at the ballot box. I am so thankful for the right to vote and to all of the people in our nation's history who worked tirelessly to ensure that this right would be extended to all adult citizens in our country. I often urge all eligible voters in my life to exercise their right to vote, and I have helped several friends and neighbors register to vote or update their registration after moving to a new area.

Unfortunately, instead of making it easier for Kansans to register to vote and make their voices heard, HB 2438 would make it harder. There are several safe and secure online tools that facilitate easy voter registration in our state, which is helpful since many of our government websites are hard to navigate. I believe that these sites should be allowed to continue to function to help Kansan citizens register. Furthermore, we have several important elections this year. I'm unsure why changing these rules, effective immediately and without warning, is warranted now as many county election offices are preparing for special elections and a large Primary Election. I am unaware of any problems with the current online voter registration tools that would necessitate such a drastic, immediate change. My county's election office is already undergoing change with a new commissioner, so adding this to the mix worries me.

If you take anything from my testimony, I hope it is this: please make registering to vote in Kansas easier and more accessible to all citizens. I do not believe this bill does that. Please vote no on HB 2438. Thank you for your time.

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