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Testimony to the House Committee on Elections

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BILL NUMBER: **HB2438, AN ACT concerning elections; relating to voter registration; imposing restrictions on websites that can accept and transmit voter registration applications.**

PROPOSER, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: **Opponent**

ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY: **Written Only**

Chair Proctor & Members of the Committee,

I am voicing opposition to bill HB 2438, which seeks to impose at-will bans by the Secretary of State on any voter registration tools. Of primary concern is more loss of local control. Secondarily, though no less concerning, is the immediate implementation of this law without adopting rules and regulations for online registration by which operators might secure such an SOS endorsement.

This is not the first time that I've written this committee believing that legislators understood the US Constitutional requirement that all states have a representative form of government *with elections* and majority rule. Three years ago I wrote, "We all understand that [this bill] does not sit alone in the statehouse barn, but has been well-groomed with other limiting elections bills over the recess and now is trotted out of the stall for the [2026] Legislative session." It's aged well enough, I've used it here again.

Why so much effort by partisan committee members to make more complex one's right to register to vote by banning secure online tools that help citizens register and then participate in elections? Why would the people's representatives behave so cravenly to quickly bed their stalls and then slam the barn door shut behind them — right before an election? The ksvotes.org origin story is that Kansas election officials failed to create an online voter registration portal, so civic leaders stepped into the void and built one! It's got an excellent almost-ten-year track record. But now, by mid-2026, is the time Rep. Waggoner seeks to expand the state's power and limit local control?

Let's not dismantle the systems that have stood in such good stead for Kansas voters. In fact, if your hankering to tinker, let's remove **all** barriers to registration... say... by allowing rising young voters to pre-register at the DMV when they get their driver's licenses!

Vote NO on HB2438.

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