

Opponent Written Testimony on House Bill 2438

House Committee on Elections

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Chair Proctor, Members of the Committee,

Thank you for allowing public testimony to be received on this bill, despite such a quick turnaround. I strongly oppose any effort to ban secure third-party voter registration websites, such as ksvotes.org, because this bill would make voter registration more complicated, less accessible, and ultimately weaken participation in our democracy.

Rather than making it easier for Kansans to register to vote, this legislation moves us in the opposite direction. It would ban a secure, widely used online tool that helps ineligible voters navigate a system that is already confusing and time-consuming for many people. Voting should be encouraged, not obstructed. When lawmakers add unnecessary barriers to voter registration, fewer people participate, which ultimately harms our democratic process.

When I first started out in college as a political science major at Wichita State University, I was looking for different ways to get involved in local and state-wide politics. Luckily, I joined our ShockerVotes coalition, where we used KSVotes to register other students online and start a dialogue with them about how to be more civically engaged citizens. ksvotes.org was originally created to fill the gap of a nonexistent online voter registration system, and it works very well. It is user friendly, accessible, and its sole purpose is to successfully register voters while complying with Kansas election laws. This website is used broadly for not only civic engagement organizations like mine, but other student organizations on college campuses across Kansas alike. This tool allows young unregistered voters to quickly, efficiently, and legally participate in our democratic process, and there would be zero point in taking this safe and secure tool away.

Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts with you today, and **I strongly encourage you all to oppose the passage of this bill.**

I also strongly encourage this committee to consider scheduling bill hearings with more than 24 hours notice to allow both legislators and citizens alike to effectively read and research these bills.