

## **Opponent Oral Testimony on House Bill 2438**

House Committee on Elections

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Chair Proctor, Members of the Committee,

I am writing to address why I believe this bill must not pass, and I will articulate the rationale in three points:

- 1) Passing this bill would impede the ability of Kansans to vote, regardless of their internet connection, access to voting services and election offices, etc;
- 2) This bill would place services under the discretion of the Secretary of State, minimizing transparency and making them the overarching authority;
- and 3) It would negatively impact Kansans and lead to voter suppression.

### **Impeding the Ability of Citizens to Utilize Positive Voter-Registration Tools**

This legislation would impact how voters can access voting resources, navigate the process if they may be first-time voters and receive helpful information about the status of their registration, and make the process more time-consuming. As this tool has been available for almost a decade, it has become vital for Kansans.