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For the House Committee on Elections

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Chair Proctor and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today on such short notice. My name is Alejandro Rangel-Lopez, and I am submitting testimony today as a private citizen from Dodge City, KS. Since I turned 18, I've used online voter registration tools to help family members, friends, classmates, and anyone in my community get registered to practice the most sacred and fundamental act in our republic; voting. I stand in strong opposition to HB 2438 as it stands in clear conflict with our values as Kansans to promote participation in our elections for all who want it, avoid blatant corruption in our public institutions, and keep our elected officials accountable to the public.

Concern: HB 2438 gives the current committee chair the power to pick and choose which election websites are acceptable or not during an election year in which he is on the ballot. This is blatant corruption before the eyes of Kansas voters. Kansans aren't stupid, we know that if it walks like a duck, sounds like a duck, and looks like a duck, then it's probably Pat Proctor in a duck suit. This is blatant corruption and an attempt to limit voter registration tools that are disproportionately utilized by young folks and rural Kansans. Leadership in the legislature can pontificate all they want about election security and ensuring only U.S. citizens are voting but can't bring up concrete examples to back up their claim. In high school, I would get an F on an essay if I had absolutely no sources and my arguments essentially boil down to "...trust me bro". There is no such thing as an alternative set of facts, just a denial of what is real.

Concern: It ain't normal and it ain't right that Kansans get less than 24 hours to submit testimony on a bill that would fundamentally alter how they are able to register to vote. Every year leadership decides to push through whatever bill their favorite lobbyists (donors) want to force on the people of Kansas without so much as a chance to whisper opposition. It's clear this body is divorced from the reality that Kansans work, have kids, and full lives to take care of outside of following every whim of the legislature. Unless that's the point? To have as few eyes on what is happening as possible because you're not interested in democracy, you're interested in preserving your power over people.

For these reasons, I stand STRONGLY against HB 2438 and urge members of this committee to stand with Kansans and their right to vote. If you have to limit who can vote, how they register, and shut the window curtains so they can't see what's going on inside their house, you aren't interested in democracy, you want to preserve your power and money. If your ideas can't win on merit and in the court of public opinion, the answer is to change your ideas, not the electorate. It's childish to change the rules in the middle of a game and it seems we've forgotten simple etiquette. If legislators demand respect in this body, they must respect the people who they are supposed to serve.