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**Written-only Testimony by Rabbi Moti Rieber in Opposition to HB 2438**, Imposing restrictions on websites that can accept and transmit voter registration applications.  
House Election Committee, Rep. Pat Proctor, Chair - January 15, 2026

Mr. Chair, Members of the Committee:

I serve as Executive Director for Kansas Interfaith Action, an multifaith advocacy group that works for justice and equality for all people across the state of Kansas. I submit testimony today in opposition to HB 2438.

We believe that every voice in our community is important and necessary, and that every eligible voter should have a clear, accessible path to the ballot box. KIFA and the congregations that support it often work with individuals who face significant hurdles to civic participation, including seniors, the homebound, students, low-income families, and people in rural areas with limited access to government offices. By restricting online voter registration exclusively to .gov websites and those personally approved by the Secretary of State, this bill effectively dismantles successful community-based voter registration and outreach efforts of which our congregants are a part. These have worked well for years without any security problems. Folks should be allowed to use trusted, secure third-party platforms to help their neighbors navigate the registration process. Forcing these citizens to navigate complex government portals without the assistance of their trusted community resources will lead to lower registration rates among the very people our faith calls us to serve.

We're also concerned that the law would take effect immediately, while the Secretary of State has until January 1, 2027, to implement rules and regulations. This creates a legal limbo – a law without the rules to implement it – that is both dangerous and confusing. Citizens attempting to register through existing, legitimate channels may find their applications rejected by county offices overnight, with no clear alternative in place. County election officials will be forced to ban non-.gov sources immediately without knowing which third-party sites might eventually meet the "security requirements" the SOS has yet to define. Our volunteers face the risk of inadvertently violating a law that lacks clear regulatory guardrails, effectively chilling our mission to encourage civic engagement.

We agree that election security is important. However, security and accessibility are not mutually exclusive. Kansas should work to certify and partner with secure third-party platforms rather than issuing a blanket ban that takes effect before a replacement system is even designed. This bill creates unnecessary administrative burdens that will fall hardest on underrepresented communities. It punishes those who rely on community support to exercise their fundamental – even, we would say, sacred – right to vote.

We ask you to protect the sacredness of the vote by ensuring that registration remains open, accessible, and supported by the community resources that neighbors know best. We ask you to please vote NO on HB 2438.

Thank you.