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Testimony to the House Elections Committee

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OPPONENT

WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

Chair and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opposition to bill HB2452.

As a resident of Kansas for twenty years and deciding to set down roots and raise six children here, I've learned the importance of local, municipal and state elected offices. The decisions made here affect my daily life much more than what's occurring at the Federal level.

Local elections are about schools, roads, utilities, zoning, and public safety—these issues that deserve focused attention, not competition with presidential or congressional races. I'm concerned that adding city council, mayoral, school board races on the ballots with federal and statewide races will create voter fatigue and lead more voters to skip critical down ballot races. In addition, voters are more likely to rely on partisan messaging in even-year elections, which is a poor fit for nonpartisan local offices like school boards and city councils.

Thank you for listening to your constituents. Please vote “No” on HB 2452.

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