

Written Testimony Opposing HB 2453

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House Election Chair and Committee,

I am opposed to HB 2453. Access to voting is a sacred right that Americans expect. Enforcing unrealistic limits on the ability for some Kansans to vote is wrong.

I have been an RN and Nurse Practitioner for over 40 years and have worked many 12 hour shifts, along with needing to be at a hospital or clinic when I am scheduled off. It is difficult for any essential worker to get to a voting site as the rules stand now. Enforcing stricter limits impedes our ability to vote.

Furthermore, I have a 98 y/o mother who has voted in every election since she became eligible. She now depends on submitting a mail-in ballot. Making the timeline more confusing and restrictive will decrease the opportunity for older voters to get their votes in on time.

Please vote against HB 2453. We need to preserve and enhance every voter's right to cast their ballot without random restrictions.

Respectfully,

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