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HCR 5021 Opposition Testimony

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Chair Proctor and Members of the Committee, thank you so much for giving me time to share my thoughts on HCR 5021 with you today. My name is Katie McElroy and I am a voter in Wichita. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote NO on HCR 2051.

This bill would restrict what types of photo ids could be used at the polls, potentially disenfranchising thousands of Kansans who have an eligible ID now, such as a student or tribal ID, but wouldn't be able to use those to vote in the future. This is a deliberate move to bar Kansans of color and any Kansan who would potentially vote Democrat from exercising their constitutional right to vote.

HCR 5021 is entirely based on partisan politics and bill proponents have no real evidence that this would make our elections safer or more secure. Meanwhile, there is an enormous amount of evidence that restricting voter access through bureaucratic barriers like restrictive voter ID laws cause real harm through voter suppression. Voter suppression is the only aim of this bill.

Once again, I thank you all for hearing my story and thoughts on this bill, and I encourage you all to vote no of the passage of HCR 2051. Thank you.