

**Opponent Written Testimony on House Bill 2453**

House Committee on Elections  
Joseph Harrington, Douglas County  
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Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in opposition to bill HB 2453 because it puts obstacles in the way of those voters who have to work for a living. It will restrict access to voting—and that goes against the principle of popular sovereignty. Among other things, it would make it more difficult to request advance ballots and make it more difficult for shift workers to vote in person; so, fewer Kansas citizens will be able to participate in our political process.

I sincerely hope that these are not the intended effects of the bill. But they will be the actual effects. Please do not advance this dangerous legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Joe Harrington