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HCR5004

Proponent

Written Only

Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee on Federal and State Affairs,
I am submitting my proponent testimony for HCR5004.

Voting integrity has become so important today. Years ago we didn't see all the challenges that we are seeing in today's world. Voting is a fundamental right and responsibility of U.S. Citizens. This amendment ensures that only those with a legal, vested interest in our country's future are making decisions that affect our government.

I am aware that Federal law already requires citizenship for voting in federal elections, and Kansas law aligns with this standard. However, by adding this language to the state constitution, we ensure consistency across all elections – federal, state, and local. Thus, there would be no ambiguity that could arise in the future regarding local election rules.

States that have unclear or outdated language in their constitutions have faced legal challenges regarding voter qualifications. This amendment ensures Kansas does not face similar issues.

Please, Chairman Thompson and the Committee on Federal and State Affairs, support the adoption of HCR5004.

Respectfully,

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