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Bill # HB 2054

Opponent Written Testimony Only

Conferee: Mary Stang

Representing: Self

To Whom This May Concern, Committee Chairman, Committee Members, My name is Mary Stang and I am a lifelong resident of Sedgwick County. I am writing this testimony as an opponent to HB 2054. I am all for limits being put on campaign finances and donations to keep elections fair for all who would like to be considered a candidate. Companies and special interests groups should never be able to monopolize an election or the people who want to enter the campaign. Elections should never be based on who has the most money to run. It should always be based on an individuals qualifications and ability and never on how much money they can raise or have in their bank accounts. This tends to rule out qualified individuals who have skills and abilities to offer to the people. They do not have enough money or having trouble to raise large sums of money keeps them out of the race. This is an unfair advantage to the ones who have more access to funds. I believe this denies our state from getting candidates who are more vested in their communities and have better ideas. It also keeps the career servant in office and discourages others from running against them. Career servants tend to be more corruptible and bought and paid for by lobbyists. One way to stop this is term limits. Allowing companies and lobbyists to buy off our elected servants is not giving We the People the voice they should have or a place at the table. Instead it is money and special interests that control the elected servant and it is usually not in the best interests of the voters or their communities, counties, towns and states. We need to make sure that big money and big interests do not control our elections ever and it is up to this committee to stop it and make sure that our elections are free and fair for all time. I hope that you will be voting against this. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Stang

Proud Citizen of Kansas and the United States of America, a Registered Voter who backs the Constitution