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To: Senate Committee on Government Efficiency
From: Jake Miller, Executive Director of the Working Kansas Alliance
Date: January 29, 2025
RE: SB 13 Neutral Testimony - Written Only Testimony

Chairwoman Erickson and Members of the Committee,

I write to you today to provide neutral testimony regarding SB 13 on behalf of the Working Kansas Alliance ("WKA"). Though our testimony is currently neutral, we would move our testimony to proponent testimony if SB 13 is amended in committee to keep business agent filings a requirement with the Secretary of State's Office for labor unions.

Currently, labor unions must file annual reports and register their business agents with the Secretary of State's Office. SB 13 as written would repeal both of those requirements.

Regarding annual reports, these filings are duplicative filings for the vast majority of labor unions. Federal law requires most unions to file LM reports with the Office of Labor Management Standards ("OLMS"). Right now, once a union files an annual report with OLMS, they simply file the same document with the Secretary of State's Office. As such this is more of a duplicative filing and as such Kansas doesn't need to expend the resources to collect and maintain these filings.

As for the repeal of the business agent filings, unions would like to keep this requirement. Though citizens may not request to see copies of these filing from the Secretary of State's Office, the filings are actually used between the unions and companies. For instance, many business agents keep their registration from the Secretary of State's office with them to provide as a piece of identification when accessing jobsites, a benefit to the union as well as the company. As such, WKA would support an amendment that would remove the business agent registration repeal from SB 13. Our intent under such an amendment would be to keep current law as it relates to business agent filings. We understand the Secretary of State's Office will be presenting an amendment intended to accomplish our request.

Should there be any questions from the committee, please do not hesitate to reach out to jdm235@gmail.com.

Most respectfully,

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