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To: Chairman Thompson and Members of the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee.  
From: Allen J. Dinkel, City Manager, City of Junction City

Re: Testimony in Opposition to SB 210

Chairman Thompson and Committee Members, thank-you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in opposition to SB 210 on behalf of the City of Junction City. I understand this bill would allow candidates for City Governing Body positions in cities in Kansas to be able to declare political party affiliation.

Kansas cities have operated in a non-partisan manner as they have successfully addressed local issues which affect those who reside in their city. Any change is simply not needed or warranted.

This bill could have a detrimental effect on the City of Junction City as a number of people living in our City are either military or Federal employees. This bill could eliminate those people from taking part in local governing bodies.

Based on this testimony, I request you not to pass out SB 210

Sincerely,

Allen Dinkel  
City Manager