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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill-43

Senate Ethics and Elections Committee

Chairwoman – Senator Elaine Bowers
Vice Chair – Senator Randall Hardy
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Committee Members

Good morning Madam Chair and members of the Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of Senate Bill number-43.

I support Same Day Registration. We need to make it easy for people to register to vote and to actually vote. People are busy living their lives, working multiple jobs, trying to raise families, running here and there for multiple family commitments, taking care of aging parents, etc.

When people are living paycheck to paycheck while fulfilling family obligations, it is critical that our state give them the opportunity to register to vote without restrictions as to time frames. Just because you are not faced with difficulties does not mean that others are not. Just because you can pull yourself away from your job does not mean that others can. Just because you have the ability to schedule time off from work does not mean that others can. Just because you get paid if off from work does not mean that others do. Just because you have reliable transportation does not mean that others do.

Please vote for same day voter registration! You owe it to the citizens of Kansas to make it easier to register. You owe it to the citizens to make it easier to be a part of our democracy.

Thank you,

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