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Members of the House Committee on Elections,

It's my pleasure to submit this testimony in favor of HB 2054, which will serve an important function in further securing elections in the state of Kansas.

During my general election campaign, I was made aware of several instances in which my opponent offered to return citizens' ballots to the county election office for them. Most of the time, these were constituents who my opponent had no relation to, and who he had helped register to vote just a few weeks earlier.

While there is nothing inherently wrong with this, and my opponent wasn't breaking any state election laws when offering to return these ballots, the situation exposed a grey area that HB 2054 will clear up.

The main function of this legislation is clarifying that only a family member or caregiver is able to return a Kansas resident's ballot for them if that person is unable, which is a much better alternative than candidates offering to return ballots they need to win an election.

HB 2054 will change very little about how Kansas elections are conducted, but it serves an important function in clearing up this murky area of state law that could potentially lead to election irregularities if not changed. As such, I stand in full support of the bill.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Avery Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Avery Anderson  
Kansas State Representative, District 72