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Opponent - HB 2516

Dear Chairman and Committee Members,

I am submitting my Opponent written testimony today on HB 2516 because I do not believe that we should be raising the bar of signatories required to be considered a candidate for any election.

Being able to run for public office should not require you to be in any party or muster egregious amounts on money or signatures in order to do so.

Kansas should remain a state that supports and encourages alternative candidates, and this bill discourages it quite frankly. As a citizen from a smaller rural area, I personally do not think that 25,000 signatures sounds "REASONABLE" in encouraging a true democratic process just to get a chance to see your name on a ballot.

KANSANS deserves a legislature that isn't forcing their political position upon the future of our state. We should be willing to foster other ideals, not ONLY those of a specific party, by keeping it simple to get onto the ballot of your choice outside of "party" participation.

There are many people growing sick of the political party propaganda and being forced into a party box. Thus, I feel it is unjust and a disservice to voters who do not align with a particular platform to have an opportunity to vote for someone who might represent them according to their beliefs, and placing a 20,000 increase on signatories would be a blatant slap in the face of non-party ideals and frankly seems despicable at best.

Please consider the damage this will do to our representative republic and kill this bill as our current laws are just and fair as is.

Thank You,

Missy Leavitt