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To: Chairman Thompson, Vice-Chairman Kloos, Ranking Member Faust-Goudeau, and honorable committee members

Re: Senate Bill (SB) 321 – Neutral Testimony

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 321. With all the concerns regarding elections, it makes sense to hold a primary in Kansas instead of a caucus election to nominate candidates for president of the United States.

However, the multi-million dollar fiscal note can be avoided by moving all Kansas primaries. Dates after March 15 and before July would be acceptable and benefit Kansans. The benefit is multi-fold: holding a presidential primary, saving the taxpayers money, and making it easily accessible with a known day, such as the first Tuesday in June, as we do now in Kansas. Current election timelines could easily be adjusted by two months to have the primary elections in June.

Please consider these amendments as you move forward on SB 321.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Caryn'.

Caryn Tyson