Neutral Oral Testimony on House Bill 2512

Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

Davis Hammet – Loud Light Civic Action

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Chair Thompson, Members of the Committee,

The House Elections Committee and House Floor amended HB2512 to address most of our concerns from the original bill.

We generally support adding mandatory weekend early voting hours in all Kansas counties; however, have mixed reactions to abolishing the mandatory Monday hours. In many counties, this will grant a critical early voting option on the weekends, but in counties that already provide weekend early voting hours, such as Johnson, the net effect of HB2512 is simply a reduction in early voting days and hours.

We are neutral on HB2512 as amended by the House. We would likely become opponents if any additional time reductions or restrictions are added by the Senate. Thank you. I'm happy to stand for any questions when appropriate.