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Honorable Kansas State Senator Terrie Huntington
Chairman, Senate Ethics and Elections Committee
and Distinguished Members of the Committee

Re: Senate Bill Number 389, Relating to Voter Education

Chairman Huntington and Distinguished Committee Members,

In my capacity as Crawford County Election Officer, I do not support Senate Bill Number 389. We are already preparing to engage in an aggressive voter education program to help remind voters about the photo identification requirements that go into effect this year.

Many of our voters are already aware of the new photo identification requirements that go into effect this year. I have given presentations at 4 different civic groups already and have a few others lined up in the coming months. We will also have public service announcements playing and will do letters to the newspaper as we get closer to election day. We will become more frequent with these messages as we get closer to the elections. I also feel that the requirement to contact all voters by direct mail will be very costly and will not give the desired effect. Many of these mail pieces are not even looked at before they are discarded. We also have several very inexpensive ways to contact nearly all of the voters in the county.

The Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials would appreciate your rejection of this bill. **We do not support Senate Bill Number 389.** Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald P. Pyle", written in a cursive style.

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