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House Committee on Elections

Testimony on HB 2225

Nancy McCarter, Pottawatomie County Clerk & Election Official

Chairman Esau and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2225 and allowing this opportunity to raise awareness of the impact of recent postal reforms on mail advance ballots.

I support HB 2225 as a county clerk and election official I see a lot of advantages in the change.

- Most advance voters have inquired about filling out the permanent advance form, they want to eliminate the need to fill out the AV1 form for every election. I have seen that a lot of my advance voters are repeats anyway.
- This would help get the most if not all the advance ballots out sooner because they would be ready to go at the earliest date possible. We wouldn't have to get the applications/ AV1 forms back and forth in the mail first, so this would speed up the process. With the mail getting slower and slower this would really help get a jump on the timing.
- This would be a great start to finding out if all-mail ballot elections are the way to go in Kansas.

Thank you for your consideration, I respectfully request your support for HB 2225.