

Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation

To: House Committee on Elections

From: Patrick A. Terick, Director of Governmental Activities

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Chairman Esau and members of the House Committee on Elections, I want to thank you for your willingness to allow me to provide written testimony on behalf of the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas (CPRFK) in support of Senate Bill 264.

Over the last 46 years CPRFK, has supported the independence and employment of Kansans with disabilities. In supporting independence that also extends for their right to vote.

We have worked with the Sedgwick County Election office to provide the residents of the Timbers advance voting for all elections at our office. Many of the residents cannot sign their name because of their disability. The election officials take extra time to make sure their ballot is properly submitted. This includes a signature of some type of the voter. This may one or two minutes extra.

Hopefully, with the passage of Senate Bill 264 it will allow a disabled voter signature to properly submit.

Thank you again Chairman Esua and members of the House Committee on Elections, for your willingness to allow me to provide written testimony on behalf of the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas (CPRFK) in support of Senate Bill 264