



GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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**Written Testimony before Senate Ethics, Elections and
Local Government Committee
in Support of Senate Bill 81
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Senate Bill 81 would permit a party committee or political action committee to file an affidavit of exemption rather than the periodic receipts and expenditures reports if the committee raises or spends less than \$1,000 during a calendar year. Under current law, the affidavit threshold is \$500. There are currently 182 party committees and 233 political action committees registered in Kansas.

The 2015 Kansas Legislature raised the affidavit of exemption limit from \$500 to \$1,000 for all state and local candidates. Raising the affidavit limit to \$1,000 for party and political action committees would make the threshold the same for all reporting entities under the Campaign Finance Act.

The Governmental Ethics Commission stands in support of SB 81 and urges passage of the bill.