

To: Kansas Senate Ethics, Elections and Local Government Committee

From: Dr. Elizabeth Clarkson, National Institute for Aviation Research, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas, 67260

Re: Senate Bill 264

I would like to express my support for this bill. Our disabled citizens have every right to have their votes counted and should not be penalized for their need of assistance in casting their vote and inability to legibly sign the ballot envelope. This bill will correct the problem that led to 25 advanced disabled ballots being thrown out in Sedgwick county due to unacceptable signatures. I thank Oletha Foust-Goudeau for her efforts in correcting this problem.

Dr. Elizabeth Clarkson