



SHAWNEE COUNTY DEMOCRATS

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Proponent of Kansas Senate Bill 43

To: The Ethics, Election and Open Government Committee

The Shawnee County Democrats work diligently to ensure voting rights for its citizens. Our work involves helping citizens get registered to vote, educating voters and potential voters on voting rights and fighting to combat voting suppression efforts, among other initiatives.

Increased voter turnout benefits the community of Topeka and Shawnee county residents. Just as we were proponents of weekend voting, we are definitely proponents of same day registration and voting.

The Shawnee County Democrats are pleased to be considered among many organizations that strive for inclusion in ensuring fair and equitable voting rights for all. Thus, we strongly support Senate Bill 43 and look forward after its passing in helping to be of service to the Elections Office and citizens of Shawnee County to get voters registered and to the polls up to and including during Election Day.

Thank you for working together in a bipartisan way to embrace full voting rights for our citizens. This bill should aid in helping those who move within the state to be included in executing their basic right to vote without limitation.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel A. Edwards
Chair

Dr. Glenda Overstreet Vaughn
Legislative Oversight Committee Chair

The Shawnee County Democratic Executive Committee is dedicated to serving the more than 33,000 Democrats of Shawnee County. We strive to promote the Democratic Party platform. We support local and national Democratic candidates who campaign to improve conditions across the board for all Americans.