

Dear Ethics & Elections Committee Chair,

I would like to submit this testimony to request your approval of SB43 regarding Election day Voter Registration. I am here on behalf of El Centro Inc. and the many community members we serve in Wyandotte, Johnson and Shawnee County. This is a request to advance our great state of Kansas to strengthen and democracy by delivering opportunity to all. As a resident of Shawnee Co. I provide my share of civic engagement by helping my Topeka community with information on our electoral process. This past year, we saw an increase in participation across our state even though many of our communities had unmerited difficulties to overcome to cast their vote. Election day Voter Registration permits eligible citizens to register and cast a ballot at the same time on Election day or during an early voting period. This helps many of the people with multiple or demanding or multiple jobs, family responsibilities, limited or lack of transportation, elderly voters and the members of the military. It is them, my neighbors, friends, family and your constituents that are most likely to be left out of this process. SB43 would increase turnout rates as proven by 19 other states that currently utilize this process. In short, I am requesting we join these states that have honored the request of their citizens and truly upheld their oaths in allowing the voice of the people to help govern this great state. We the people thank you for your consideration and entrust you will forward this request from the senate and to the desk of our executive branch in preparing for future elections. Thank you.

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