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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill-43
Same Day Voter Registration

Senate Ethics and Elections Committee

Chairwoman – Senator Elaine Bowers
Vice Chair – Senator Randall Hardy
Ranking Minority – Senator David Haley
Committee Members

Good morning Madam Chair and members of the Committee,

Thank you for reading my written testimony in support of same day voter registration in the State of Kansas. I support Same Day Registration! As a fifth generation Kansan I am proud of our state and the freedoms we enjoy. Please hear me!

For the past several years Kansas may have been perceived as perhaps anti voter friendly, or at least not encouraging citizen participation in our election processes. We today have a unique and compelling opportunity to change that. We can send a signal today to the citizens of Kansas that we encourage voting and are willing to make voting more accessible for all our citizens. The enabling of same day voter registration will do just that. We can re-brand Kansas to be seen and a voter friendly state in practice and law.

This will benefit all Kansas Citizens. And we know that same day voter registration has the potential to increase participation. Today we must do all we can to encourage participation in our democracy.

Therefore Kansas can become a state known for voter friendly policies and practices and not a state that is seen as discouraging voter participation.

Let's act today to re-brand Kansas as a voter friendly state that removes barriers to voter registration. I appreciate this committee taking a leadership role in taking a lead on this.

Thank you,
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