

Chairman Carpenter and members of the House Elections Committee, my name is Brittany Jones. I am an attorney and Director of Advocacy for Family Policy Alliance of Kansas. We represent thousands of members in Kansas who are concerned about the integrity of our elections and our God-given rights to the freedom of speech and thought.

We are here today to support H.C.R. 5015 which urges Congress to reject the unconstitutional “The For the People Act of 2021.” This bill has many detrimental components, but of most concern to Kansans is the impact it has on the integrity of Kansas elections, the federal overreach into our election process, and the infringement on our free speech rights.

Our democratic republic relies on accurate and reliable voter data and systems. By forcing the removal of reasonable checks on our elections by state officials, the federal government is opening the floodgates for the rampant violation of our system by individuals and groups that do not have American’s best interest at heart.

Further, the expansion of government censorship on campaigns and other groups violates the First Amendment rights of Kansans. As strong supporters of the freedom of speech and of the right to freely association, we strongly reject this onerous mandate from the federal government. Transparency is for the government, not private individuals.

Finally, H.R. 1 would allow the federal government to enforce its laws in a partisan and unconstitutional manner. This is not good for any party and should be rejected as a violation of our principles as a nation and a state.

For all of these reasons, I ask that you support H.C.R. 5015 in Kansas so that we can push back against this unconstitutional federal mandate.

Thank you.