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HB2653 testimony for House Elections Committee

Mr Chairman and Committee Members

Thank you for your work in making Kansas great. I'm Tammy Davis resident of Johnson County.

I want to bring your attention to HB2653. While it is important ballot images provided upon request it falls short of meeting the requirements set by the open records act. KSA 45-216 states "Public policy that records be open. (a) It is declared to be the public policy of the state that public records shall be open for inspection by any person unless otherwise provided by this act, and this act shall be liberally construed and applied to promote such policy."

Frankly, we shouldn't even need HB2653 as public records of an election should already be able to be requested. However, to further this voting specific bill of public records, increase confidence in transparency and to align with the open records act I support the requested amendment by Missy Leavitt. A few important details include the bill to be for anyone in the public, not just a candidate. And also the it should include the case vote records along with the ballot images.

Thank you for your time and consideration. |