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Madame Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Transparency & Ethics,

On behalf the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce and our nearly 1,500 members, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of H.B. 2297; AN ACT concerning the secretary of state; relating to duties and responsibilities thereof; publication of session laws; disposition and distribution of volumes; the Kansas register, proposed amendments to the constitution of the state of Kansas and Kansas administrative rules and regulations; eliminating the requirement to file an index of guidance documents; permitting use of printing and binding services from the commercial market; fixing fees by rules and regulations.

Among other things, H.B 2297 would allow the Kansas Secretary of State's office to use private firms for printing and binding services. The Wichita Chamber supports this provision of the bill, as we believe that government should use the services of private industry whenever possible. Our membership has long supported privatization measures as both an effort to reduce government spending through the use of more efficient and market-based approaches, as well ensuring that government is not in the position of competing with private sector firms. In fact, for many years, our legislative agenda has included language urging policymakers to take steps towards the outsourcing of services and privatization where and when possible.

Therefore, we stand in strong support of H.B. 2297 and would respectfully urge the Committee to report this legislation favorable for passage.

Thank you,

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