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House Elections Committee

RE: HB2543

Members of the House Elections Committee:

I am here today to ask you to support HB2543, this bill would provide greater transparency and accountability to the election process while still protecting the voter's right to cast a secret ballot.

While I believe it is time to implement this change in Kansas elections, this will place additional burdens on election administrators during our busiest times. Because of that, I respectfully request that you look into the possibility of changing the range of dates for canvassing to be from the Thursday after the election to the second Tuesday following Election Day. This flexibility would address the needs of counties across the state, no matter the size of their jurisdiction and allow us to complete current post-election tasks and post-election audits and still be prepared for Canvassing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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