

To:

Honorable Mitch Holmes
Chairman Senate Ethics and Elections Committee

Opposition Testimony to SB 171

Mr. Chairman and Committee members the notion of moving all elections in the state of Kansas to the fall is unpatriotic and undemocratic. Considering the amount of control the Repulicans currently hold in our State and Counties, forcing partisanship on education and in city elections will ultimately leave many voices to go unheard in opposing Republican interests.

The Help Kansas Vote Bill, SB 171 will not help to increase turnout for city or school board elections and will instead force candidates to compete for name recognition on a much lengthier ballot. Further, partisanship has no place in education as Americans, we should all care for the well being of our children and this cannot occur when we continue to allow politics to dictate how our children are being educated. The focus on the school board should be a person's experience and competency in education, not their political affiliation.

As a concerned citizen and one of the voices being silenced I encourage you all to vote in opposition to SB171 and keep partisanship out of our city and school board elections and keep those elections in the Spring.

Thank you,

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