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SB366 Testimony

My name is Wallace Boersma. I am a resident of Prairie Village, KS and was recently a candidate for Ward 2 City Council.

Before the election, the three members of my family that are registered voters received prefilled-out applications for an advance voting ballot by mail. As a first-time candidate, I was initially confused. We were concerned about voter integrity (and still are) after hearing multiple stories and reading numerous news articles about voter fraud in regard to mail-in ballots.

As we continued to discuss these applications, we realized that a significant portion of our private information was prefilled-out on the applications. As previous victims of identity theft and having gone through a significant amount of time and financial cost to deal with the identity theft, we recognized the recklessness of mailing these prefilled-out applications.

Will the State of Kansas or Johnson County cover residents' identity theft expenses?

I then learned it cost over \$65,000 to send out these prefilled-out applications. Too often I hear from bureaucrats and politicians that smaller government expenditures are inconsequential. I believe the opposite.

To finish off the election season, we had almost two weeks to vote before election day. I hope that would have been plenty of time to vote. It would be interesting to know how much that cost.

My beliefs and concerns are that mailing the prefilled-out applications for an advance voting ballot in Johnson County Kansas was costly, reckless, cast doubt on the election and perpetuated a lack of confidence and uncertainty in the election process.

Thank you for your time.

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