

## HB2016 Proponent Written Only Testimony

Chairman Proctor and Members of the Committee,

I would like to express my support for House Bill 2016, which allows for the use of online obituary notices from funeral homes as a valid source for removing deceased voters from the rolls.

I have a personal experience that highlights the importance of this bill. My father-in-law passed away while in Arizona, yet his name remained on the Kansas voter rolls for over a year after his death. Although there was a notice in a local Kansas newspaper, the county election office never received that information due to his passing out of state. Fortunately, I was able to catch this error and get it corrected, but not everyone may be as fortunate. We cannot afford to leave deceased individuals on the voter rolls, as it undermines the integrity of our elections.

By allowing online obituary notices from funeral homes to be used for voter removal, this bill ensures that the process of keeping our voter rolls accurate is more inclusive, especially for those who cannot afford traditional newspaper obituaries. This is a common-sense approach that addresses a real need and strengthens the security and trustworthiness of our elections.

Respectfully submitted,

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