

February 6, 2025 (first written and sent February 4, 2025)

Bill: HB 2023

Opponent Written Testimony Only (Rewritten and Resubmitted)

Conferee: Mary Stang

Representing: Self

To Whom This May Concern, Chairman and Committee Members,

I am Mary Stang and I am a lifelong resident of Sedgwick County. **I am resubmitting this testimony as an opponent not a proponent to HB 2023.**

After rereading over this bill and getting a better grasp on it, I found it to be very broad scoped and speculative and seems based on what might happen and not what has happened. Also, it gives the government too much overreach in our elections which is one of the big reasons why Americans are having trouble trusting them now. There should never be allowed tampering in any way with our votes, voters or election workers. There are already laws protecting people against harassment and violence or harm, so not sure why we need to add this too. An election official or anyone working the elections and handling or counting the votes should never be subjected to harassment or harm in any way and should be and are protected by law. I feel that the poll workers and voters should be included due to the fact that they are vulnerable as well to harassment and harm. This bill does not cover all that it should and I am not sure why we need this, either, as I personally have not seen anything like this happen at the polls yet. I, also, do not want to see this happen. An election is very important to our Republic and should be guarded and kept safe from crime and tampering within the laws set forth. If our elections are not fair and free and safe then We the People do not have a voice at the table at all. Not the way our Founding Fathers set it up to be. Government has gotten too big and it is up to all of us to keep it as a voice for the people. Less government involvement ensures that it is. This bill needs to be either rewritten or revoked as it has too many vague and confusing items listed in it. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Mary Stang