

Date: 1-27-2025

Conferee/Presenter: Gregory J Seiler DVM (Member of Business Owners listed below)

Group Represented: Business Owners below

Bill Number: SB5

Disposition: Proponent

Testimony: Written Only

Chairman Thompson, **Vice Chair** Blew, **Ranking Minority Member** Faust-Goudeau, **Committee Members:** Clifford, Dietrich, Francisco, Gossage, Murphy, Starnes, Thomas and Tyson

SB5

Our group has studied the testimony given by Stewart Whitson and Madeline Melisa with Opportunity Solutions Project to the Joint Committee on Elections on 9/7/2023. We support legislation that helps all Kansas voters have fair and secure elections. SB5 would prevent the unfair practice of government agencies using federal tax dollars to fund "Get Out the Vote" campaigns targeting groups that vote primarily for one political party's candidates. We saw this happen in Sedgwick County the summer of 2023 where registered democrat and independent voters, not registered republican voters, received multiple mailings of Applications for Advanced Voting Ballots already filled out with the voter's information. We understand that mass mailings also occurred in Johnson County as explained by Stewart Whitson and Madeline Melisa. Using our federal tax dollars in Kansas or any State to influence the outcome of any election a specific way is wrong.

This bill would retroactively prevent this unfair the use of tax payer dollars to influence the outcome of an election toward a specific party. We ask that you would please pass this bill out.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory J. Seiler DVM

Member Business Owners

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George Palmer	Clearwater, Kansas	GK Tires Wichita Kansas
Kevin Seiler	Colwich, Kansas	Seiler Forming
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