

SB 5

Proponent

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Dear Mr. Chairman and Committee members,

I would like to share my Proponent testimony for SB 5. I have become aware that during the Biden administration we began to see how it could be possible for unapproved federal funds could affect our local elections. I would like to thank Opportunity Solutions for being diligent with their research and knowledge of the issues they have been bringing to the attention of our Kansas legislators.

Depending on who oversees the administration of the United States, rules, procedures, and agendas can vary greatly. Money is a major portion of political persuasion for well-funded organizations of political action. Glenn Beck and his media outlet BlazeTV produced an hour-long segment in which he highlighted an NGO named DEMOS and the back door implementation of NGOs into national elections. Opportunity Solutions was how I became aware of this first, but Glenn Beck's added reporting made it an even greater concern for me. Demos is already a Liberal Think Tank based out of New York with operating capital of \$14 million. Opportunity Solutions have done a great job of proactively showing Kansas what unchecked election funding can do, and how it can happen unbeknownst to the public.

I will always support updates to statute that can clearly bring the intent of our legislature to provide and ethical expectation of election funds. After the invasion of our nation with the former open border policy, I find it especially important that we protect the sanctity of our elections with more specific requirements regarding outside organizations and all our processes.

Lastly, I would appreciate it if there could be some clarity for the word ***instrumentality*** proposed in the definition of "Federal Government". Would the specific interpretation need any update to include a contracting agency/agent or any other organization? Could it be beneficial to add an additional definition to incorporate a more thorough thought on instrumentality?

Overall, I otherwise support this statute a great deal and pray it will pass favorably.

Thank You, - Missy Leavitt