

Ms. Martinez,

Please include the following as written testimony regarding the Senate Hearing for House Bill 2437 on Thursday March 15, 2012.

My name is Glenn Cox and I work with people who have either a developmental disability or intellectual disability and are low income. On 03/02/12 a person I work with was able to obtain a part-time job. In order to complete the I-9 document a current photo ID was required. The individual had an expired Kansas drivers license which showed a previous address. This person went to a Kansas DMV to trade the expired license for a photo ID. Due to the change of address the individual was required to provide documentation listing the new address. This person receives disability benefits and the address shown on their SSA 1099 was the address of the Representative Payee. This person lives in a group site and all utility bills reflect the address of the group site service provider. I searched case files for three hours to find a document that the Kansas DMV would accept to change the address and issue a new photo ID. Kansas DMV only accepts original documents and refuses copies and faxes. Once the process was completed the individual on a fixed income was charged \$21.50 for the updated, new Kansas photo ID.

I ask the Senate Ethics and Election Committee to consider the following in their decision on House Bill 2437. People with limited understanding or financial resources will NOT be able to obtain a Kansas photo ID unless they are assisted. Many people that do not receive assistance will not be able to vote due to complexity of bureaucracy or the cost of obtaining photo ID. Many will be denied their RIGHT to vote. Finally as voting citizen of Kansas since 1980 I consider presenting an ID to vote as an insult to my RIGHTS as a natural born resident of the United States of America.

Sincerely,

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