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## Testimony in Favor of Bill 41

## **Senate Ethics and Election Committee**

February 4, 2015

Good morning, Chair Senator Mitch Holmes and other esteemed members of the Committee.

Mr. Chair, thank you for holding this hearing on Senate Bill 41.

I support this bill for the following two reasons:

First, my family has experienced first-hand the injury that this bill is designed to address. During the election last November my own daughter, Paris, was deprived of her right to vote because she did not receive the absentee ballot she had requested until after Election Day.

Second, I have heard in my District from other parents of students attending college outside of Kansas who have similar concerns that will be addressed by this legislation becoming law allowing those registered voters the opportunity to exercise their right to vote.

Thank you for your time and attention, and I urge you to support this bill.

Senator Faust-Goudeau 29<sup>th</sup> District