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Chairman Sutton and to the rest of the Kansas House Election committee--

I urge you to vote yes and pass HB2092 out of committee. This is a bill that moves Kansas' election processes forward in line with the rest of the country. The MIT Election Performance Index recently rated Kansas' elections in the bottom of the nation. We can do better.

My goal is to reduce the high number of provisional ballots in Kansas and increase legal voter participation. As noted by the Kansas City editorial board on 21 Dec 2019: **"In 2016, nearly 3 percent of the votes cast in Kansas were via provisional ballot. That's three times the national average, and only three states had higher rates of provisional ballots cast."** Furthermore, according to numerous studies conducted over the last decade looking at some of the 17 states that have already enacted Election Day Registration, voter turnout is increased between 3 and 14%.

I commend the chairman for, at a minimum, allowing a hearing and potential debate on the merits of this proposition. I know there will be some who think our Kansas process and technological systems can't handle it. I urge you to consider the policy first, and have the processes and technology follow.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey Pittman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rep Jeff Pittman

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