



To: Dear Chairman Barker, Vice-Chairman Averkamp, Ranking Minority Member Ruiz, and members of the Federal and State Affairs Committee

From: The League of Women Voters of Johnson County, Kansas, Ellen Miller, President

Re: HB 2067 – Audio and Video Broadcasting of Legislative Hearings – Supporting

Date: February 20, 2019

**The League of Women Voters of Johnson County, Kansas, supports HB 2067 concerning providing audio and video broadcasting of all legislative meetings.**

Thank you for scheduling a hearing concerning HB 2067, Video Broadcasting of Committee Hearings. The Legislature took an important step towards transparency of its processes when it adopted live audio broadcasting for committee hearings. Adding video broadcasting would provide voters and constituents both aural and visual information to better understand the complex work of Legislative committees.

Utilizing these two communications tools – audio and video – would help all Kansas citizens find out about the pros and cons of public policy issues. The League of Women Voters of Johnson County supports the maximum in governmental transparency.

Many of our citizens cannot travel to Topeka to attend hearings during the legislative session. Utilizing modern communications methods like audio and video broadcasting reaches out to all Kansans, regardless of their location. The League of Women Voters of Johnson County urges you to vote for HB 2067 for commencement on January 1, 2020. I am happy to discuss this important bill with you at any time.

Thank you for your service to Kansas.

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