



## House Committee on Elections Representative Schwab, Chair

### H.B. 2425 – Campaign Disclosure

*Presented by Diane Gjerstad  
on behalf of Mr. Lynn Rogers*

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Mr. Chair, members of the Committee:

Today I am presenting testimony on behalf of Mr. Lynn Rogers who is unable to attend due to work obligations. This testimony is presented on behalf of him as a private citizen. Mr. Rogers currently serves on the USD 259 Board of Education.

Mr. Rogers supports the provisions to amend current law in on page 5 (m) and new section 4 on page 6 which brings questions submitted to voters under the campaign finance act. This portion of the bill would require campaign committees promoting or opposing ballot questions (including school bond elections) report expenditures and receipts on a schedule parallel with legislative campaign reporting.

Under current law Wichita's 2008 school bond election was held on the November general election yet reports from supporting and opposing committees were not required to report until December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Rogers believes it is important for voters to have access to who is supporting or opposing ballot initiatives prior to the election. In Mr. Rogers' opinion if the issue is important enough for elected boards to put on the ballot, then it is important enough for supporters and opponents to disclose their names prior to the election.

On behalf of Mr. Rogers, I would like to thank the committee for this hearing and would urge the committee's favorable consideration of the provisions to amend reporting requirements for questions submitted to the voters.