February 19, 2019 Testimony in Support of Senate Bill-43

Senate Ethics and Elections Committee

Chairwoman – Senator Elaine Bowers Vice Chair – Senator Randall Hardy Ranking Minority – Senator David Haley Committee Members

Good morning Madam Chair and members of the Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of Senate Bill number-43.

I support Same Day Registration because it is another measure that insures that all citizens have the right to vote, and most importantly that the vote will actually count.

Same Day Registration will not only allow for first time voters to be able to vote; but also would allow for citizens to update voter information such as a name change, or an address change and would allow for all to vote and the vote count!

Kansas already uses E-Polls, so it would not be a major hardship for Kansas to implement the process.

In closing, voting is one of the basics rights of every American. I feel that we have a responsibility to ensure that at every election, as many citizens as possible should be able to vote and to feel confident that their vote will be counted. I have been a volunteer during numerous election cycles and I have witnessed the apprehension of voters voting provisional ballots, because they are not convinced that their vote will count. Same Day Registration will help to alleviate the apprehension I support Senate Bill-43 and I hope that this bill becomes a law.

Thank you,

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