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The Topeka (KS) Chapter of Links Incorporated stands as a proponent and in support of the bipartisan SB 43.

Senate Bill 43 will help to restore the trust of Kansans in knowing that efforts are now underway to protect voting rights for all and to ensure that Kansans have the right to register and vote up to and through Election Day.

So many people, including and specifically persons of color, have experienced the adverse effects of voting suppression and barriers to the voting process that it is encouraging to know that this bill will assist in restoring voting rights for all.

This bill will help to enhance the trust intended of a fair and fully embraced voting process and emphasizes that voting is a right that must be available to all.

The Topeka (KS) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated is an organization committed to advocacy of voting rights in the community for over 55 years. The members of the organization stand committed to help implement this bill once passed, by ensuring our volunteering efforts with the Elections Office and to assist citizens in the Shawnee County area to get registered and vote.

The Topeka (KS) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated would love to be a proactive partner in working with the committee and the Elections office to responsibly ensure the success of the same day registration and voting process.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of The Topeka (KS) Chapter of Links, Incorporated.

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The Links Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation, established in 1946. The membership consists of nearly 14,000 professional women of color in 285 chapters located in 41

states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. It is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry. The members of The Links, Incorporated are influential decision makers and opinion leaders. The Links, Inc. has attracted many distinguished women who are individual achievers and have made a difference in their communities and the world. They are business and civic leaders, role models, mentors, activists and volunteers who work towards a common vision by engaging like-minded organizations