

February 17, 2022

House Committee on Federal and State Affairs Kansas House of Representatives Kansas Capitol
Complex 300 SW 10th St
Topeka, KS 66612

Re: Proponent Testimony for House Bill 2565 (2022)

Chairman Barker, Ranking Member Arnberger, Ranking Member Ruiz and Honorable Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide favorable testimony in support of House Bill 2565. I am submitting this testimony not as an elected official, but as a former candidate for public office.

After I successfully won my primary and general elections in 2020, I learned that the results of those elections would not be made available to me in a clear and concise way. Instead of providing a simple spreadsheet of election returns, those election results are buried in the results for all Sedgwick County precincts (there are over 500 precincts) and all races (more than 100). In total, the report is 2,781 pages.

You can view the Sedgwick County 2020 Election Report at <https://bit.ly/SGCO2020> to better understand how difficult it is to retrieve election results for individual races.

My own district, the 2nd District for the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners, is 61 precincts. Producing a spreadsheet of the precinct-level results for 61 precincts from a 2,781 document is a days-long affair. This is a widespread problem every candidate for office in Sedgwick County will experience.

House Bill 2565 will fix this problem. This legislation will ensure that precinct-level election results are available in a common spreadsheet format as opposed to the inflexible PDF format provided in some counties, including Sedgwick County.

I would urge the Committee to consider passing House Bill 2565 favorably.

Respectfully,

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Thank you,

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