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Chairman Proctor, Vice-Chair Waggoner, temporary Ranking Member Miller, and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you in support of HB 2559.

The threat artificial intelligence poses to election integrity is an imagined threat no longer. Photorealistic and video realistic images have already been used to influence voters. In April of 2023, the RNC produced an attack ad immediately following President Biden's reelection announcement that used artificial intelligence to depict a fictional world if the President were reelected. The prompts were fed to the artificial intelligence service which produced fear mongering images as an attack against the President.

If the RNC had no qualms about using AI in a presidential election, what would stop candidates at the state and local level from doing the same?

Thanks to media outlets, the RNC's deepfakes were called out for what they were but local races are not guaranteed the same attention. Artificial intelligence threatens the integrity of elections by deceiving voters, and this bill is one idea toward mitigating, preventing and hopefully, eliminating such practices.

Again, this is not an abstract threat. In another example from less than two weeks ago, a version of President Biden's voice, created with artificial intelligence, was used in an attempt to suppress the vote in New Hampshire.

We need to do everything in our power here in Kansas to ensure any effort to employ AI in this way is aggressively stopped, before our own elections are compromised. That's what this bill is about – pure and simple.