## **Testimony in Support of House Bill 2251**

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Chair Esau, Members of the Committee,

The integrity of the election process is critical to the legitimacy of the government. Without a trusted process, your position and authority are called into question. I register hundreds of Kansans to vote and regularly encounter concerns over the integrity of the process in Kansas. A sizable portion of the concern focuses around electronic voting machines. The current system in Kansas, lacking the ability to verify results, compels me to inform citizens that the only way they can be sure their vote is accurately counted is by casting a paper ballot.

Secretary of State Kris Kobach regularly calls on the need for extreme election security measures. He believes the reality of thousands of citizens being disenfranchised is worth the chance of preventing a theoretical noncitizen from voting. Real election security is important and current vulnerable outdated machines are an immediate and impactful security flaw. House Bill 2251 is an immediate action to reestablish public trust in the foundation of our democracy.

I urge you to vote YES on house bill 2251.

With conviction,

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