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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SB 43**

TO: Chairman Keith Esau, Vice-Chairman Blake Carpenter, and members of the House Elections Committee

FROM: Dave Unruh, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Sedgwick County, KS  
Sedgwick County supports the passage of SB 43.

Sedgwick County's expressed concern over the timing of canvassing in HB 2017. SB 43 would resolve those concerns.

Sedgwick County believes there are two issues with current canvassing. The first is that election officials will not have adequate time to prepare for canvassing after the polls have closed. The process currently in place requires manual verification, which is time consuming. The second is that if other special elections are being conducted simultaneously (such as a special city or school board election), canvassing timing may conflict between the two. That would increase the workload on the election officials and cause the taxpayers eligible to vote in both elections to pay for both, rather than being able to time them together. Sedgwick County has one additional special election on April 11 for a school bond that would need to be canvassed separately without an amendment to K.S.A. 25-3503.

Sedgwick County is pleased that SB 43 was passed by the Senate. Sedgwick County now needs it to move forward in time to utilize for the April 25<sup>th</sup> Special Congressional Election. Sedgwick County urges the passage of SB 43.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David M. Unruh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David M. Unruh, Chairman  
Commissioner – First District