

To: Kansas Senate Ethics & Elections Committee

From: Jane Byrnes, 322 S Lorraine, Wichita KS

Date: January 14, 2018

Re: *Senate Bill-264, Accommodating Voters with Disabilities that prevent them from meeting ballot signature*

Dear Committee:

Concerned about democracy in 2018, **I am especially alarmed about barriers to voting.** One surprising example is the discarding of handicapped folks' ballots.

**I urge you to adopt Senate bill 264** which will rectify this danger to the vote for an unknown number of handicapped Kansans. We in Kansas must be clear and thorough in our protection of an open and fair democracy, including access to voting for all registered citizens.

I am motivated enough about democracy to pay dues to several alert and statewide groups including Women for Kansas and League of Women Voters (although I am not a spokesperson for either group).

Thank you for accepting this testimony.