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My name is Bill Brittendall and I am the director for the Peace and Social Justice Center of South Central Kansas, one of the members of the Kanvote alliance. I am here to testify against the passage of Kansas House Bill 2437.

I was in the IT (Information Technology) department for AT&T, IBM, and JP Morgan collectively for 23 years. During my tenure at AT&T I was the software installation manager for the calling card group. The time frame to code, test, and install new software features to the database was between 6 to 12 months. While there is a query structure (called Agency Central) in place for county election offices to check new voter registrations there is no IT architecture in place for SRS and DMV to input proof of citizenship documents when someone registers to vote at that agency. It is a federal requirement for individuals be able to register with the SRS and DMV. After the reports of these state agencies not being ready for the requirements which have already been passed, additional requirements being placed on top of the ones we already have compounds the problem which already exists. Moving the implementation date up for the additional requirements could bring our state unwanted bad publicity. As representatives for your constituents, you might want to ask a few questions of the SRS and DMV that they will be ready to process citizenship documents on 6/15/12.

- What Information Technology architecture is in place to transfer the citizenship documents to the county election office?
- What training is in place to train the workers at SRS and the DMV on the new requirements?
- What will the cost be for the new IT architecture?
- What is the timeline for the new requirements implementation?

Please do not pass this bill. It is not in the best interest of Kansans. I want to thank the committee for their time.