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Special Committee on Elections

Committee Members:

I am writing as President of the League of Women Voters of Emporia in response to the Committee members' concerns about the election process in Kansas.

One need only look at Kansas Secretary of State Scott Schwab's website to realize the measures that Mr. Schwab and his staff have taken to guarantee that all Kansans can trust the election process. This includes a bill proposed by Secretary Schwab, HB 2135, which was signed into law by the Kansas Legislature in 2022. This is in addition to election security enhancements which Secretary Schwab proposed that were also adopted into law in 2022 and which have been touted as the most significant election reform measures since Voter ID was adopted in Kansas in 2011.

I am sure that Legislators are familiar with the list of updates to the election process each of these laws represent. Having a Secretary of State as the watchdog for our state's election security is something for which Kansas can be proud. Rather than bringing in out-of-state groups with their cookie-cutter proposals, our policymakers can rest assured that their duly-elected SOS is serving as a watch-dog for best practices to keep each one of our elections safe and secure. Committee members would do well to rely on local, state and/or national sources of proven factual information.

Respectfully,

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