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Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for taking time to read through my testimony and consider my opinion on the bill. I am writing in opposition to SB368, which would ban ranked choice voting in the state of Kansas.

As a young person who grew up in Kansas, I believe that ranked choice voting is one of the best voting methods to elect a candidate that represents me. So, passing SB368 would decrease my enthusiasm for local elections along with gaining true representation at the state and local level.

Additionally, I think ranked choice voting has many benefits including increased voter turnout and representation for all Kansans. With this voting method, voters are able to vote for new candidates without fear of 'throwing away' your vote. Ranked choice voting helps increase the diversity of elected officials and helps young candidates find a footing. Plus, I find that it helps with nonpartisanship between political parties- which would help advance Kansas as a whole.

Mentioned above, ranked choice voting has many benefits that would make elections better for Kansas voters. One benefit that should not be overlooked, is that ranked choice voting would save money and time for election officials. It eliminates the chance of runoff elections, which typically have low voter turnouts, but cost the state money.

Once again, I am a proud Kansan who wants to stay living here. However, to stay here, I need to be represented correctly by state and local officials. If ranked choice voting is banned, I would reconsider how the legislature views voters along with young, diverse candidates.

Please oppose SB368 to support voter representation and participation in Kansas.

Thank you for your time,  
Campbell McNorton