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Chairwoman Bowers, and Committee on Ethics, Elections, and Local Government,

My name is Andrew Lee, and I am the President of the American Civil Liberties Union student group at the University of Kansas. I represent a group of students who are deeply committed to the issue of voting rights in the state of Kansas. For this reason, I am submitting written testimony in favor of the passage of Senate Bill 351.

As a student at KU, I have hosted, on behalf of the ACLU of KU, numerous voter registration drives around the community over the last few years. At these voter registration drives, we are plagued with questions about procedures for casting a provisional ballot from students. Students are primarily concerned with the possibility of submitting a provisional ballot and whether or not that ballot will be counted. Students are concerned with the integrity of our elections, too. SB 351 streamlines the mechanisms of processing and recanvassing provisional ballots.

SB 351 allows the process of submitting a provisional ballot - as well as subsequently registering that person to vote - in one fell swoop. This bill streamlines the process for students who are negatively and even disproportionately affected by the current laws in terms of address changes, correct polling place, or registration status. This common-sense provision is even more vital to student populations, especially as they are voting for state legislators who control funding for their university.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Senate Bill 351.

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