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Kansas Public Employees Relations Board  
401 SW Topeka Blvd  
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RE: Please count the 37 Timely Mailed Ballots in the University of Kansas Health System Pharmacy Technician Election

To the Members of the Kansas Public Employees Relations Board:

On behalf of my constituents in Kansas House District 49, I am writing to express my strong support for counting the 37 ballots cast by pharmacy technicians employed at the University of Kansas Health System that were postmarked before the election deadline and later received by the Board.

The facts appear straightforward. Pharmacy technicians participated in a PERB-supervised mail ballot election to determine whether they wished to be represented by IAM Healthcare/The Pharmacy Guild. Ballots were mailed by eligible employees in accordance with the election process established by PERB. Following the ballot count, it became apparent that a significant number of ballots from participating workers had not been included in the tally. Subsequently, 37 ballots bearing timely postmarks were reported to have arrived at the PERB office after the initial count. Regardless of one's position on union representation, the fundamental principle at stake is clear: every eligible vote that was cast in a timely manner deserves to be counted.

The integrity of any democratic election depends not only on established rules but also on public confidence that voters who follow those rules will have their voices heard. When workers complete and mail their ballots before the deadline, they have fulfilled their responsibility as participants in the election process. They should not lose their right to representation because of circumstances beyond their control. The pharmacy technicians at the University of Kansas Health System took the time to participate in a lawful election administered by the State of Kansas. Their votes matter. Their voices matter. Any election process should ensure that all eligible, timely cast ballots are included in the final determination of the workers' choice.

I am respectfully urging the Kansas Public Employees Relations Board to reconsider their stance to ensure that all eligible ballots postmarked prior to the deadline are counted and considered in determining the outcome of this election. Doing so will uphold confidence in the election process, protect the rights of public employees, and demonstrate PERB's commitment to fairness and democratic participation. I appreciate your consideration and look forward to a resolution that reflects the values of fairness, transparency, and democratic participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nikki McDonald". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Representative Nikki McDonald

Kansas House District 49