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#### Secretary Kobach Defends Safe Election Laws

TOPEKA (October 15, 2015) - With mounting pressure from Democratic primary challenger Bernie Sanders, the Hillary Clinton presidential campaign has resorted to attacking Kansas election laws. In a statement issued by her campaign, Hillary claimed Secretary Kobach supported "harsh voting restrictions" on Kansas voters. The statement failed to recognize that during Secretary Kobach's first term in office Kansas became the national leader in safe election practices and improved efficiencies in the election processes.

In response to Clinton's attack Secretary Kobach defended the Kansas laws. "The Hillary Clinton campaign is unhappy with the fact that Kansas has the most secure election system in the country. Today, the Clinton campaign criticized Kansas's requirement that people prove their U.S. citizenship when they register to vote. In Kansas we recognize that the problem of aliens registering and voting is a serious one. We have already identified more than 30 aliens who either successfully registered before our law went into effect, or attempted to register (and were stopped) after the law went into effect. And that's just the tip of the iceberg. Other states, such as Alabama, have copied aspects of the Kansas law. But Hillary wants to move in the opposite direction, supporting a bill that amounts to a federal takeover of the registration process and would result in millions of aliens automatically getting onto the voter rolls. Every time an alien votes, it cancels out the vote of a U.S. citizen. But Hillary doesn't seem to care about that."