

January 25, 2023

To the Members of the Kansas House Committee on Elections

RE: HB 2056, Requiring all advance ballots to be returned by 7 p.m. on election day.

Greetings,

I am Connie Jacobson, a registered Republican, long-time Kansas Resident, mother of two and a high school US Government teacher.

I am writing in opposition to HB 2056, for several reasons. First my youngest child is currently attending college out of state in Arizona, studying engineering. This bill unnecessarily adds an additional burden for him to cast his vote. Second, the seniors I teach in US Government that will become voters will have the additional burden as well. Many of these students are planning on attending college away from their home. They will also be negatively impacted. This connection to their home gives them reasons to return upon completion of their degree. This bill, if passed, only gives these young Kansans another reason NOT to return home. It is one more piece to the "brain drain" issue that is a solution looking for a problem.

Again, a sincere request to let this bill die quietly in committee.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Connie Jacobson

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