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SB 209, requiring mail ballots by 7pm Election Day
Opponent
written testimony

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill SB 209. Due to current mail delays and lack of post office employees, removing this three day grace period will be detrimental to our voting rights. Many more voters will be impacted if forced to use the mail, as the Senate just voted to remove ballot drop boxes.

The bill that added these three days in 2017, passed unanimously in the Senate and with only one no vote in the House. It made sense then when mail processing centers closed and it makes even more sense now when we are seeing a significant increase in mail delays.

In Shawnee County, 217 (2020) and 291 (2022) valid ballots were received within the three day period. In Johnson County in 2022, there were 575 ballots. Without the current laws, these Kansans' votes would have been thrown out. Are you telling constituents that their votes should not count? Why would you want to stifle the voting process? Why are you afraid to have each and every Kansas vote counted and included in elections?

You need to vote NO on SB 209.

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