

Federal and State Committee

Proponent Testimony

SB #209

February 14, 2023

Dear Honorable Chairman/Chairwoman, Senator/Representative, and Members of the Federal and State Committee,

This letter is in regards to SB #209,

I am writing this letter in regards to SB #209, Election Integrity, and the mail in ballots being returned by 7pm on voting day. This is something that has been going on since mail in ballots began. I am 63 years old and every year other than the last 2 or so years has there been an issue and votes count complete on election night after the polls close. Mail In ballots have been used by those that can't physically get to the poles and the military that are out of the country. This is fair and I believe most of those voters have been doing it for awhile and know that they have to get their ballot in by election day to be counted. That is not an unreasonable expectation and has been implemented well for many years. I believe that within the last few years there has been an element crop up in our election rules that have been implemented to cheat or sway the elections to a certain outcome. One of the ways that seems to be a tool of this manipulation is allowing Mail In ballots to be turned in for days and weeks after poles close which also affects the vote count to be completed in a timely manner. ONE DAY VOTE – ONE DAY TO COUNT. The longer the count of the votes drags out the more likely it can be manipulated which has been shown in the last two elections, 2020 and 2022 Midterms. Our elections are one of the most important things we can do to keep our Republic and if we do not have integrity in our elections then we have nothing. WE DO NOT HAVE A COUNTRY WITHOUT FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS. MAIL IN BALLOTS ARE PART OF THAT VOTER INTEGRITY. If we can't solve these issues before the 2024 I believe it will affect the voter turnout which could and

will be detrimental to our country. I have faith that this committee will remember the elections that our parents and grandparents had in the past and how the voters had faith in our system. They voted and knew that it would be counted accurately and the results could be heard on the 10pm news after every election. I as well as others feel now that we might know the results in a week and that is not acceptable. The last thing I have to say is what Steve Bannon says, "ELECTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES AND STOLEN ELECTIONS HAVE CATASTROPHIC CONSEQUENCES". We must make rules and laws to keep stolen elections from happening.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

I would appreciate your support on SB #209

Sincerely,

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A Taxpayer, Natural Born Citizen of America, A Lifelong Resident of Kansas, A Proud Mother and Grandmother, and an Informed Precinct Chairwoman of Sedgwick County