

Testimony to Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee

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Disposition: Proponent

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Dear Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to ask your committee to increase election integrity in Kansas by passing SB 209 requiring all advance voting ballots be returned by 7 pm on election day when all voting must stop.

Many Kansas citizens believe election fraud is real despite claims to the contrary. Citizens are aware of significant election challenges due to ballot harvesting (legal and illegal) where someone other than the voter submits the ballot for them. Early voting, absentee voting and extra days to receive mailed ballots simply add fraud opportunities and raise the risk the election will not produce honest results. These processes allow gaping holes in the security of our elections.

Allowing a vote received after election day to be counted after a voter on election day was turned away after 7 pm is patently unfair! SB 209 corrects this egregious imbalance in voting opportunity that gives the advantage to potential fraudsters. We know voter rolls are not current, people move or die yet remain eligible voters and voting by mail is open to creating ballots for ineligible voters. SB 209 specifically targets advance voting ballots received at the election office as legitimate for counting. It will be up to election office officials to assure no votes received after 7 pm on election day are counted.

Thank you for proposing, considering and passing SB 209 as one more protection for Kansas voters.

Respectfully,

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