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Chairman Proctor, members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today regarding Senate Bill 4.

My name is Jason Snead, and I am the Executive Director of Honest Elections Project Action, a nonprofit entity dedicated to defending the right of every American to vote in free and honest elections.

SB 4 is a straightforward and necessary update to this state's election laws. It shifts Kansas away from the current postmark standard for advance voting ballots to an unambiguous rule that every ballot must be received by 7:00 PM on Election Day to count.

Adopting this legislation will promote integrity and public confidence in elections. By requiring that advance mail ballots be received by the close of polls, SB 4 will speed vote tabulation and ensure the delivery of timely and accurate results. Shifting to an objective Election Day receipt standard also avoids messy post-election litigation. In states with postmark standards, these lawsuits often revolve around efforts to count late ballots that arrive with a postmark, and thus no guarantee they were not fraudulently cast after the election. Few situations do as much to sap public trust as prolonged vote counting or litigation aimed at affecting election results by counting otherwise illegal votes. This bill's provisions make both situations less likely.

Moreover, passing SB4 would align Kansas law with the policy currently in effect in the majority of states. According to the [National Conference of State Legislatures](#), 32 states already require ballots to be received on or before Election Day. This includes 'blue' states like Delaware and 'red' states like Florida. Kansas's neighboring states, including Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma, all have ballot receipt deadlines similar or identical to the proposal in SB 4. Furthermore, polling shows the public strongly favors these laws. In fact, [polling](#) conducted by the Honest Elections Project shows that 89% of Americans believe that ballots should be received by Election Day.

It should be noted that under SB 4, Kansans would still have ample opportunities to vote, including advance voting in person, by mail, and voting on Election Day. By clearly defining the deadline to receive advance voting ballots, SB 4 makes it easier for voters who wish to cast an advance mail ballot to plan accordingly. Ensuring that a mail ballot is received by Election Day is a simple requirement to meet, and as I mentioned previously, is a requirement overwhelmingly embraced by the voting public.

Thank you for considering this testimony, and I welcome any questions you may have.