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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs**

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**BILL NUMBER:** SB 4, requiring the return of advance ballots by Election Day

**OPPONENT**

**WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY**

Chairman Thompson & Members of the Committee,

Simply put, I oppose bill SB 4. The three-day voter protection period exists to ensure mail delays do not impact a Kansas citizen's right to vote. Current law allows for mail ballots to be counted if they are postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the Election Office within three days after the election.

Because we have no USPS processing centers in Kansas, mail delays have become the norm and are seemingly getting worse. Furthermore, although advance ballots are sent out some 20 days before an election, there are several circumstances that could stall the receipt of the ballots; travel, out of state students, community mailboxes as in a dorm or apartment where mail is often misplaced or wrongly delivered, illness/hospitalization. . . .these are only a few reasons.

Understanding that provisional ballots and military ballots are processed after elections day, let's also allow for a three-day grace period to ensure that all law-abiding citizens have confidence that their mail-in vote will be counted.

For these reasons, I oppose SB 4 and ask you to vote no on bill SB 4 to ensure that every voter's ballot is counted.

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