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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

PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: Opponent

ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY: Written

Chair Thompson & members of the committee, I am writing to voice my opposition to bill SB 4.

While I personally make every effort for vote in person, I have several elderly neighbors who rely on their ability to vote by mail. Those fortunate enough to have the luxury of driving to hand cast their vote, lack understanding of the difficulties for those in lower socioeconomic classes.

In recent years, the USPS has closed several branches or significantly reduced their hours making accessibility an issue for individuals with disabilities or limited means of transportation.

This bill was proposed multiple times and struck down because of its blatant attempt to suppress votes of disenfranchised voters.

I strongly oppose this proposal and implore you to, once again, to vote no on bill SB 4. The great state of Kansas has the opportunity to show we care about EVERY member in our community. Let's continue to afford those less fortunate with the grace period currently available.

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