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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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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.

I am asking the committee to vote no on bill SB 4 because voters in Kansas should be protected from mail delays.

The three day voter protection period exists to ensure mail delays do not impact a Kansas citizens 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.

The current law was put into place in 2017 with a near unanimous vote (just one no vote) when all of the USPS processing centers in Kansas closed and mail was taking longer. We still have no USPS processing centers in Kansas and mail delays have only gotten worse. This three day grace period is needed now more than ever.

Your “no” vote on SB 4 is needed and appreciated. Thank you for your time.

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