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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

WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY: Written only Chair Thompson & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill SB 4.

It is well documented that postal service is poor at this time. Kansas Senator Roger Marshall addressed the poor postal service in our state as recently as December 14, 2024 in a senate hearing. There was recently a federal audit of the Shawnee Mission Post Office service and multiple issues were discovered as contributing to slow mail delivery in our area. Perhaps efforts to educate the public on why votes are counted after the election would be more appropriate rather than removing the three day voter protection period which provides grace for mail delay.

I am opposed to SB 4 and request that you vote no on SB 4.

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