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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 Only Testimony

Chair Thompson & members of the committee,

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

I **Strongly** oppose the SB4 bill. Our postal system is not as efficient as it once one. My household as well as my whole neighborhood has had problems with delays, missing mail, etc with postal delivery. Sometimes we won't receive mail for several days in a row. I do not think that it is appropriate to require that advance ballots be returned by election day when the postal system is struggling with efficiency issues. A couple of years ago I was out of town during an election period. I went to great lengths to both receive my ballot but also to return it. Because of my concern with the postal system, I paid for overnight delivery to make sure that the ballot got there in time. I am fortunate that I have the resources to do that. Many people do not have that option or may not have thought of that. We should not put undue burden on our citizens to try to control something (the postal service delivery) that they have no control over in order to exercise their right to VOTE.

I am asking you to VOTE NO on bill SB4

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