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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: Opponent

WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

Chair Thompson & Members of the Committee,

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

In the eight years I have lived in Johnson County, I have regularly seen delays in mail service from the USPS. There have been days when our neighborhood receives no mail at all, and there have also been times when mail we expect to arrive is delayed by several days with no explanation. I believe, as I hope you do, that **every** Kansan deserves to have their voices heard in elections, and that includes those Kansans who vote by mail. You should not penalize these voters for mail delays that are out of their control.

Please vote **NO** on SB 4 to keep the three-day grace period for advance mail-in ballots.

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