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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.

As a student of higher education in Kansas and a lifelong citizen of Kansas I am lucky that I am able to vote in-person in the last few elections. That being said, I know many students who rely on mail-in ballots to do their civic duty and cast a vote.

This bill is a deliberate and obvious ploy to suppress the votes that more often align with Senator Thompson's opposition. We have zero USPS processing centers in Kansas and mail delays have only gotten worse over the years. This is unethical, wrong, and silences the voices of millions of Americans. Some who are voting for the very first time.

If you are truly worried about voters losing confidence in our election system, instead of perpetuating false election conspiracies, why not try educating your constituents on how elections work and why valid votes are being counted post election day.

I oppose SB 4 as a Kansas citizen and I urge you to do the same. Vote no on Bill SB 4.

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