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SB 4

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Opponent

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Private Citizen

Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee, thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts on SB 4. My name is Marcel Harmon and I am a voter in Douglas County. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote no on SB 4.

As I understand it, if you cast your mail in vote on or before election day, it has until 3 days after the election to arrive at the election office, so long as the post mark shows you sent it on time. This bill would require those ballots sent on or before election day but delivered by the postal service after election day to be thrown out, even if it's the post office's fault. This would appear to be an effort to reduce the ease of voting and disenfranchise those who use early voting (potentially the only way they can vote).

Because I travel for work, I often must vote via early voting and would not want to see my ballot disqualified as a result of some error that was no fault of my own. I also have family members and friends who this is really the only way they can vote because of the difficulty they have leaving the home. Because this ultimately makes voting harder, not easier, I oppose this bill.

If you're concerned about voters losing confidence in elections if/when votes are still being counted after Election Day, then a better solution would seem to be educating voters on how elections work and why valid votes are being counted after Election Day. Military ballots and provisional ballots are also counted after Election Day.

Once again, I thank you all for reviewing my thoughts on this bill, and I encourage you all to vote no on the passage of SB 4. Thank you.