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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

Chair Thompson & members of the committee,

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

I am the parent of two young adult voters who vote by mail. My friends are parents of young adults who work and live abroad, who also vote by mail. I have many family members who are elderly or disabled so rely on this option to participate in elections. I also have served as an election worker for 6 election cycles. There is absolutely no reason that this bill is needed, which simply punishes citizens engaging in their civic responsibility. Elections in this state are fair and safe, and this bill simply continues to support the falsehood that they are not.

Please vote no on bill SB 4 and spend the legislative session focusing on real issues, such as school funding and expanding healthcare, that really impact your constituents.

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