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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

Dear Chairman Mike Thompson & members of the committee,

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

Voting in Kansas is safe and secure as indicated by our Secretary of State Scott Schwab.

Voting by mail is a safe and effective way for voters to cast their ballot. I've served as an election worker for many years; I'm impressed by the training and feel I have experience with voting procedures.

The problem is the US mail. Kansas has no control over their delivery system as it is of federal concern.

The US Postal Service has removed all processing centers from Kansas. So all our mail is sent out-of-state for processing. That adds days to the time frame for delivery. (Even a sympathy card addressed to a nearby neighbor can take a week to be delivered.)

The 3-day grace period allows postmarked ballots to be received by the Election Office and be tabulated. Ballots received on the Wed., Thurs, and Fri. following the election are counted, as they should be.

After each election, I attend the Johnson County canvass held at the Election Office. County Commissioners serve as the canvass board. They meet a week to 10 days after the election. They determine which provisional ballots will be counted. I have confidence in their due diligence.

SB 4 is an unnecessary bill and would disenfranchise thousands of voters who have done everything correctly. Voters have no control on the of mail delivery. I urge you to vote NO on SB 4.

Thank you,

Ann Norbury, Shawnee, Kansas

