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Written Testimony to Senate Committee on Federal & State Affairs

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BILL NUMBER: SB 394 - Requiring advanced ballots be returned by Election Day

I am an OPPONENT of this bill

This is my WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Dear committee members,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to bill SB 394 that removes the three day voter protection period.

As a parent of a college student and friend of multiple people who must mail in their ballots due to health conditions, I am angered and baffled by the creation of a bill that hinders voters from the best chance to have their vote counted. If a ballot is mailed by/on election day, it should be counted. It is out of the voter's control if the USPS is unable to deliver the ballot by election day. Even if a voter mails the ballot 3 or 4 days before the election there is no guarantee it will reach election offices on election day, thus the reason for a three-day grace period to ensure the most votes can be counted.

No matter what your committee members political affiliations are, as a part of this great country, I know your members believe in and are tasked with promoting the basis of our democracy which is free and fair elections. I want nothing more than to give every registered voter in our state the right to vote and have their vote counted. SB 394 puts that right at risk and I urge you to oppose it.

Thank you for your work on the committee and consideration of my testimony,

Becky Gunn