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Testimony to the House Committee on Elections

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PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: Opponent

ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY: Written only testimony

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill HB2056.

The three-day voter protection period should remain in place. We should be supporting anyone who wants to and makes the effort to vote. Many of the voters who take advantage of mail in ballots are young people in college who live away from where they are able to vote. They are new to the logistics of voting and allowing an extra three days to receive their ballot is important.

We have a family friend whose daughter drove from Manhattan to Olathe in order to vote in the last election because there was an issue with her mail in ballot. Please recognize and admire the commitment these young people are showing to the voting process and allow the extra three days to make it easier for their voices to be heard.

In addition, there are many factors that can affect the timeliness of a mail in ballot being received that are out of the voter's control, so allowing a buffer of a few days is not an unreasonable request.

I oppose bill HB2056.

Thank you for your consideration.

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