Subject: HB2053 – Authorizing the secretary of state to adopt rules and regulations for the use of remote ballot boxes for the return of advance voting ballots

Disposition: Opponent Testimony: Written only

Dear Chairman Senator Mike Thompson, Vice Chair Senator Rick Kloos, Ranking Minority Member Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau, and Members of the Committee

Remote ballot boxes should not be allowed. People can simply drop their ballot in the mail or take it to a local polling location to drop it off.

Attached are two photos sent to me by a Douglas County resident.

- The first photo of a ballot drop was located at the Douglas County 4-H Fairgrounds. It was there on July 28, 2022, just prior to the primary election. It was located in the parking lot on the east end of the fairground across the street from an elementary school. It was not being monitored 24/7. Instead, there was a deer camera attached to a tree. This ballot box was one of the ones funded by Mark Zuckerberg.
- The second photo is a drop box located in front of the Douglas County Courthouse. It is not the
 typical ballot drop box funded by Mark Zuckerberg. Instead, it is a metal box, maroon in color
 with white lettering. It reads: "Douglas County Drop Box, Tax Payments, Motor Vehicle
 Payments, Ballots/Election".

Neither one of those drop boxes are being monitored 24/7. How is the chain of custody being maintained? Especially involving the box in which other documents can be placed. These are two perfect examples as to why we should not have ballot boxes, including remote ballot boxes. There are too many variables and cost involved to make sure 24/7 monitoring is maintained along with the chain of custody. This is a very slippery slope to deal with and needs to be avoided. Before ballot drop boxes, people could simply place their ballot in the mailbox using the United States Postal Service, or they could take it to their local polling location and drop it off.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Fighting for Election Integrity,

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