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Written Testimony to Senate Committee on Federal & State Affairs

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BILL NUMBER: SB 388

BILL DESCRIPTION: Requiring the use of USPS for ballot return OPPONENT

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: Dear committee members, I am writing to voice my opposition to bill SB 388 that results in a ban on ballot drop boxes. My husband and I have 3 daughters who are of legal voting age and all attend college out of state. (The KSLEG should be asking themselves why our youngest and brightest are leaving the state to attend college but that is for another day.) Our daughters rely on advanced ballots (delivered through the USPS) to vote. They, when home over break, have also utilized drop boxes and found them to be very secure, accessible and useful in ensuring their votes were counted. They are engaging in their democracy which is vital to our state. Without this option they would be unable to cast a vote. Again, I ask that you oppose bill SB 388.

Thank you for your consideration,

Erin Smith-Bird

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