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Testimony to the House Elections Committee

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Bill: SB 209, requiring mail ballots by 7 PM Election Day
Opponent
Written Only Testimony

Dear Chair & Members of the Committee:

I am writing to voice my opposition to Senate Bill 209 as it does not solve any problem and only seeks to disenfranchise voters. Kansans' right to vote should not be prevented by unnecessary rules or logistics out of their control.

Mail processing centers remain closed and mail delays have only increased. When the bill passed in 2017 that added three days, it was unanimous in the Senate and had only one no vote in the House. Nothing has changed since then. It made sense then when mail processing centers closed, and it makes even more sense now with increased mail delays.

Last year my county received 575 ballots within the three-day period after Election Day. You should not restrict these voters' rights when they were following the rules and voting before or on Election Day.

I respectfully request that you vote no on Senate Bill 209. This bill will negatively infringe on rights of Kansas citizens.

Sincerely,
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