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SB365

Written only

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Chairman Thompson and members of the committee, my name is Kevin Nelson and I am a registered Republican in Douglas County. I am writing today to employ you to vote no on SB 365 to protect the voting rights of Kansans that cannot be near their polling place on Election Day.

I was a field-based manager for most of my career, typically departing on Monday and returning on Friday. I was seldom at home on Tuesdays, and relied on the Postal Service to deliver my email ballot in a timely manner. I know that there are many other workers who cannot take time from work, or have fallen ill, and cannot make it to the polls and our counting on the Postal Service as well.

I need not tell you of the decline in the Postal Service efficiency in the last decade. I have personally witnessed mail that was sent from across the street take three days to reach me.

While that is a rarity, having a three day waiting period is not a security issue or a burden on the efficiency of our voting system, As important it reinforces that every Kansan's vote counts.

Thank you again for listening to my story and perspective on this important initiative. Please, once again, I employ you to vote no on SB 365 to maintain the voting rights of every Kansan.