



## **Proponent Testimony: Senate Sub 208**

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### **Kansas State Legislature House Committee on Elections**

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Chairman Proctor and honorable members of the committee, my name is Madeline Malisa, and I am a Visiting Fellow at the Opportunity Solutions Project. OSP is a non-partisan, non-profit organization. We work in more than 40 states across the country with one clear goal—to help more people achieve the American Dream.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Senate Amendment to SB 208, which bans the use of remote ballot boxes. Currently, Kansas has no ballot box restrictions, leaving voters unprotected.

Security and oversight are crucial to successful election administration and voter confidence in election results. Banning drop boxes will greatly increase security in the advanced voting process.

Ballot boxes were largely unused before the 2020 election, and lawmakers across the country have recently enacted drop box reforms. States like Missouri and South Carolina have prohibited their use outright, and other states like Iowa and Ohio have enacted security measures that protect voters who choose to use them.

Kansas voters already have many options to return their ballots. They can vote in person on Election Day. They can advance vote in person up to 20 days before an election. They can choose to advance vote by mail and use any postal box. They can bring their advance voting ballot to an election office. They can also ask a family member, caregiver, or other trusted individual to hand deliver or mail their ballot.

Kansas voters should have confidence that regardless of how they cast their ballots, their votes will count. For all these reasons, I urge you to support this legislation and prohibit remote ballot boxes in Kansas. Thank you for your time and I'm happy to provide additional information at the request of the committee.