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Testimony to the House Elections Committee

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PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: Opponent

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Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill SB 208.

My family has used the drop boxes for voting for most of the elections since they were made available. Our family almost exclusively uses the advanced ballot option to vote and take advantage of the dropboxes to complete the process.

My son, husband, and I live near the Blue Valley Library in Johnson County. The convenient dropbox prevents our family from wasting money on gas to drive to the election office. We don't have to wait until the election office opens to submit our ballots. Our family has work and college activities that make using the drop boxes the most accessible, cheapest, fastest, and safest way to vote. We do not want these dropboxes removed.

The dropboxes are safe and effective. Our tax dollars were used to deploy all these dropboxes throughout Johnson County. This expense included the cost of the dropboxes and the systems to monitor their safety electronically. To trash dropboxes is an insult to taxpayers and exceedingly wasteful.

Respect your constituents as voters and taxpayers. Please vote no on bill SB 208.

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