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TO: Testimony to the House Elections Committee, Jesse Borjon, Vic Miller, Dan Hawkins

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BILL NUMBER: SB 208, removal of ballot boxes

PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: Opponent

WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I am a constituent and oppose SB 208, Restricting the number of remote ballot boxes that may be used in each county and requiring certain monitoring.

I oppose the restriction of 1 ballot box per county. Growing up in a rural county, I understand how difficult it would be to drive all the way across the county, to one ballot box, in order to have the right to vote. It was difficult enough for us to drive from our farm to our local town, often. It's not about the number of voters in a county, it's about giving EVERYONE, their right to vote. And, now living in a city, I'm sure it would be as difficult for many people in cities, to have transportation to get all the way across the city, to one ballot box, in order to vote.

In addition, other voter suppression bills are being considered, which in a combination, is very unfair for people to exercise their right to vote. Limiting drop boxes, limiting days for ballots to be received in the mail - stop voter suppression bills. Allow people their constitutional right to vote.

Please vote No on SB 208

Thank you,
Leola Brake
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