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**Testimony to the House Elections Committee**

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**BILL NUMBER:** SB 208, removal of ballot boxes

**PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL:** Opponent

**ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY:** WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill SB 208. I urge you to oppose Senate Bill 208, a bill which is a voter suppression bill.

As a resident of Garden City, Kansas I would love for every person I know to be able to cast their ballot at designated ballot boxes. I think that SB 208 is a bad bill because it limits ballot drop boxes which creates barriers to voting and can cause long waiting times to submit their ballot. In a growing city like Garden City, surrounded by rural communities, it is vital for ballot boxes to be available to all voters in our area and not restricted by removing ballot boxes. What will residents do to access a ballot box if they have to drive far out from the country into town? And on top of that traffic, and uncontrollable events. SB 208 will throw out several potential votes, which undermines our democratic process. Moreover, I think we can all agree that we all have work, school, and family obligations and we should make ballot boxes accessible across our districts for all voters. Therefore SB 208 should be opposed in this committee.

I urge all committee members to oppose Senate Bill 208 because it is a voter suppression bill that will hurt Garden City, a community with a high population of minorities and lower-income individuals. Thank you for allowing me to submit written testimony opposing SB 208. Please oppose SB208.

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