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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,

My name is Valerie Molina, a resident of Garden City, Kansas and I am writing to voice my opposition to bill SB 208.

Limiting ballot drop boxes can have negative consequences for Kansas voters in several ways including reducing access to voting, increased wait time and voter suppression. I oppose Senate Bill 208 because it is not fair for the voters in Kansas to have to go through obstacles constantly just to vote. It is wrong for the legislature to waste time making laws that make voting harder for voters in the state. I urge you to oppose any bill that removes ballot boxes, as it would negatively impact the accessibility and fairness of our elections. Ballot boxes provide voters with a safe and convenient option to drop off their ballots, especially for those who may not be able to travel long distances to a polling place. Removing ballot boxes would make it more difficult for voters to participate in the democratic process, especially those who have disabilities, live in rural areas or rely on public transportation.

Therefore, I strongly urge you to oppose any measures that would limit the number of ballot boxes and instead support policies that promote accessibility and fairness in our elections. I urge you all to oppose SB208.

Valerie Molina

Kansas Citizen

Garden City, Kansas