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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs**

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**ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY:** WRITTEN

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 208, restricting number of ballot boxes

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill SB 208 which would reduce the number of remote ballot boxes.

In a democracy, voting is encouraged, Abraham Lincoln said eloquently in the Gettysburg Address that "government **of the people, by the people, for the people**, shall not perish from the earth," so barriers should not be built preventing eligible voters from participating. Making voting more accessible and easier for all people is a positive trend. Throughout our history, as we try to become a "more perfect union," voting rights have been extended from land owners only, to former slaves, to women and more. Now is not the time to regress!

Making voting more convenient is a non-partisan issue! Voting in person can be a hardship for many people. Some older folks (like some friends of mine) can't stand in line, as my late mom couldn't. Some people (like me) can't be exposed to germs that threaten their health. Convenient remote ballot boxes and early voting give flexibility to voters with transportation issues, busy work schedules or caretaking responsibilities. **These problems cut across all demographics.**

Please **do not vote** for this bill which would take the state of Kansas backwards. Please do not restrict the remote ballot boxes

**Vote NO no on bill SB 208.**

Yours truly,

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