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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 all to oppose SB 208 because it is voter suppression and creates an obstacle to exercise my right to vote in Kansas.

The title of SB208 states “Restricting the number of remote ballot boxes that may be used in each county and requiring certain monitoring conditions for such use” is limiting the number of ballot drop boxes available to voters which is a form of voter suppression because it makes it more difficult for voters to cast their ballots, particularly for those who may have limited mobility, transportation, or time off work. Drop boxes are a safe and secure way for voters to submit their ballots without having to rely on the postal service or in-person voting, which may be difficult or risky for some individuals. I know many elderly people in nursing, long term and other medical facilities that utilize remote ballot boxes, and SB208 would throw out many votes from these members of our community. Moreover, this may disproportionately affect marginalized communities who already face barriers to voting. It is also on the record that Kansas Secretary of State Scott Schwab opposes SB 208. I agree with our Secretary of State Scott Schwab in opposing this bill. It is clear that Senate Bill 208 would be a catastrophic bill that would cost Kansas taxpayers a great deal because numerous changes on a large scale would have to be made in every county election office in Kansas. Our election officials have already gone through a whole heap of criticism and have had to deal with random election bills like SB 208 which radically changes our elections accessibility.

Thank you committee members for allowing me to testify against SB 208. I urge you all to join me, our secretary of state, numerous organizations and Kansans on opposing SB 208.

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