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SB209 – Proponent

Honorable Chairman and Committee Members,

I am a resident of Johnson County KS. I have voted in elections since I turned 18 years old and have rarely missed one since. I have lived in KS for 20 years and have a vested interest in the welfare of this wonderful state. I am a proponent of SB209. I have now witnessed a few candidates that I voted for win on election night only to lose days later by mail in ballots. I believe it fair to ask that all ballots be received no later than 7pm on election night. It was this way in the past and worked better than the system we have now which causes confusion among voters and unnecessarily elongates the anticipation and anxiety of the election.

- This bill would help alleviate some concerns of election fraud in KS and help promote trust in the system that has seemed to be in question over the last few years. We should avoid all appearances of election problems if possible. This is a simple fix and is nothing new since it was always done this way in the past.
- It's common sense to have winners on election night so all citizens and candidates can move on swiftly from the elections.
- There has to be a deadline somewhere, and it should be election day. It's common sense that the actual election day is the cutoff.
- Kansas gives plenty of time for voters to receive, fill out, and return ballots. If not returned by the deadline, then the accountability lies with the voter. I have voted this way many times and there was plenty of time. My daughters have all had ballots sent to them in college (Idaho) with plenty of time to fill out and return by election day.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my testimony.

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