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Hello,

I am submitting written testimony as an OPPONENT of HB 2518. We should not be using ballot drop boxes at all. There is no way to verify the person who requested or submitted the ballot was the intended recipient. Because there is no way to verify chain of custody you cannot guarantee the will of the voter is being reflected.

In previous testimony I have given, I have shown that signature verification, chain of custody and return of the mail ballots is not only impossible, but rife with fraud. A recent poll by Rasmussen/Heartland Institute found that "**...Over 20% of Mail-In Voters Admit to Cheating in 2020**" ([LINK](#)):

*"The national telephone and online survey, released Tuesday by Rasmussen, found that **21 percent of mail-in voters admitted to practices that were likely or definitely fraudulent during the 2020 election -- and that those Americans constituted 30 percent of those who cast ballots.***

*"**Nineteen percent (19%) of those who cast mail-in votes say a friend or family member filled out their ballot, in part or in full, on their behalf,**" a media release by Rasmussen read.*

*"Furthermore, **17% of mail-in voters say that in the 2020 election, they cast a ballot in a state where they were no longer a permanent resident.** All of these practices are illegal, Heartland Institute officials noted."*

There is no logical reason for the participant in this survey to lie. The fact that 20% of mail ballots are fraudulent and constituted 30% of the vote cast disenfranchises millions of Kansans who cast their vote lawfully. But, don't take my word for it. In 2005, former President Jimmy Carter and former Secretary of State James Baker were a part of the Commission on Federal Election Reform. Their stark warning still rings true today:

"Absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud."

You have to stop trying to legislate around bad policy/practices. It is a violation of the Constitution to allow mail ballots because the identity of the voter cannot be verified, the signature cannot be matched without forensic examination and the chain of custody is not possible once the mail ballots leave the printer. We need to go to one day voting, in person, on paper ballots that are hand counted. Anything short of that is violative of the Due Process & Equal Protection clauses of the Constitution.

Please do the right thing for Kansans and vote "no" on this bill. Instead, pass legislation that is actually going to secure our elections. Russia, China, Iran and any number of other bad actors cannot hack paper ballots and can't steal mail ballots and cast them fraudulently if they are not sent.

Thank you,