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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill SB 208.

The goal of a democracy built on the foundation of the right to vote should be to work toward making voting easy for everyone, not restricting access to voting. I've been voting by ballot drop box for several elections. It is a secure and effective method to vote. It's not always easy for people to trust the mail to be delivered accurately and on time. Limiting the number of ballot drop boxes makes it more difficult for people on the margins to vote, especially those without access to transportation.

Please vote no on Senate Bill 208. Protect the right to vote.

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