

Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee

SB 208

Proponent Testimony

Feb 17, 2023

Dear Honorable Chairman Senator Thompson and Members of the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee,

I strongly urge your support for SB 208 limiting the number of remote ballot boxes to one and limiting the placement of the box to a single location inside the county election office.

I also express my appreciation and support for SB 208 in that the remote ballot box used in an election shall be continuously observed by two individuals who are each affiliated with a recognized political party, but who are not affiliated with the same political party. Finally, I support a statutory limit on the number of advance voting ballots that may be transmitted by a person other than the voter.

Ballot box stuffing has become an unfortunate scourge and disruption in our election process in which a flood of non-valid ballots diminishes actual validated votes.

SB 208 is a step in the right direction to rectify this uncontrolled form of ballot box stuffing.

I would appreciate your support for SB 208.

Sincerely,

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