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## **To: Kansas State Legislators**

Re: SB 4 - Opposed

Date: February 11, 2025

I am writing in opposition to SB 4 which would eliminate the 3-day mail processing window for mail-in-ballots.

“... it is the right to vote for the lawmakers who make up our government that is foundational to maintaining all other rights held by Americans.” Heather Cox Richardson, historian - Boston College, Letters from An American 2/9/2025.

It follows that in a democracy, as opposed to a plutocracy/autocracy the goal is to ENOURAGE the greatest voter turnout. This bill opposes this goal.

Since Congress raided the post office budget in 2010, its service has been in steady decline. Appointed in 2020, the present Postmaster General, Louis DeJoy, has been called before Congress to account for this decline in service. This January there was a sign posted on an inside door of the Overland Park post office at 12433 Antioch stating they were out of stamps!!!

I am still waiting for the delivery of postage I mailed on 1/4/2025, delivered to the appropriate post office on 1/21/2025 to actually be delivered to the actual post office box. I am now filing papers or a claim for lost mail. Had this have been a ballot my vote would have been eliminated - not encouraging!!!

Having some health issues myself I was limited in standing and chose the advanced ballot - but I mailed it in the drop box outside the Olathe County Elections Office to avoid transit problems with the post office.

In November 2018, I can recall a TV news report on the sole voting site in Dodge City, KS being located at the edge of legal boundaries necessitating transportation which - and could be compared to a pole tax. The ACLU did address this situation. But it was too late

for changes. "We believe that Dodge City voters will get another polling place since, as one of our attorneys pointed out, one polling station for 13,000 voters in Dodge City, but three polling places for 1,300 people for the rest of Ford County simply makes no sense." (CNN)

Elections are not a frequent events. Waiting three days, in deference to slow mail service, is a very small price to pay to preserve the rights of every Kansan to participate in their government.

ALL AMERICANS - KANSANS INCLUDED - HAVE A RIGHT NOT ONLY TO VOTE - BUT TO HAVE THAT VOTE COUNTED.

In order to insure that ALL Kansans are encouraged to exercise their right to participate in their government I oppose SB 4.

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