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Chairman Olson, members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition of Senate Bill 388.

Kansas NEA believes that a strong representative democracy can only be achieved when every eligible citizen has easy access to voting. As such, we oppose Senate Bill 388 because it makes it more difficult for Kansans to participate in an election using an advance voting ballot.

This bill eliminates the opportunity for communities to utilize drop boxes to make it easier for citizens to return their advance voting ballot. It also eliminates the ability to utilize other services that would allow overnight shipping of an advance voting ballot so that it makes it to the election office in time to be counted.

There are many needs within each community to provide many opportunities for the use of advance voting ballots. Kansas NEA urges the committee to oppose this bill, and instead, focus the energy on making voting more accessible to all Kansans.