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TO: Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee:

I would like to enter this written testimony in favor of this above referenced bill that limits the times for the return of mail in ballots in elections to be received by the end of official voting day. There have been many adjustments made to the original date for voting in this state, and these early voting times and by mail in ballots with extended deadlines are simply arbitrary dates.

The risk of arbitrary dates is just that—they are arbitrarily set and therefore there is no standard which means dates for voting can become ridiculous and cause a huge burden for our county election officials and employees as well as setting a precedent for what ballots should be officially counted.

The climate we face of questions in election integrity can certainly be somewhat mitigated by keeping a set and secure date for the return of mail in ballots as election day.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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