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House Elections Committee  
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SB 208

Kansas Association of Counties  
Opponent Testimony – Written Only

Chairman Proctor and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer Opponent testimony on SB 208, which would prevent counties from utilizing ballot drop boxes in their entirety. It should be understood that SB 208 does not limit the use of ballot drop boxes. It bans them entirely.

KAC opposes SB 208 because this bill would prevent counties from utilizing ballot drop boxes that have already been purchased, meaning that taxpayer funds are wasted. Drop boxes exist for the convenience of voters. Restricting drop boxes inconveniences Kansas voters.

If there is a concern for the security of ballots deposited in drop boxes, the legislature could alternatively criminalize the tampering with or destruction of a ballot drop box, or the contents within a ballot drop box to a similar level as tampering with US Mail, since ballots can still be mailed in.

This bill does not exist in a vacuum. SB 209 limits the amount of time that mail ballots have to be returned. Eliminating drop boxes eliminates a method for returning legal, valid ballots so that they can be counted. The effect of these two pieces of legislation in concert could be to disenfranchise voters that cannot appear at the polls on election day by removing both time and methods of delivery for ballots.

The Kansas Association of Counties would respectfully ask that the committee reject this proposed legislation. Thank you for the opportunity to present this perspective on this legislation.

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