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**Testimony to the House Elections Committee**

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**BILL NUMBER:** SB 208, restricting number of ballot boxes

**PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL:** Opponent

**ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY:** Written Only Testimony

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill SB 208.

The goal of a democracy built on the foundation of the right to vote should be to work toward making voting easy for everyone, not restricting access to voting. I've been voting by ballot drop box for several elections. It is a secure and effective method to vote. It's not always easy for people to trust the mail to be delivered accurately and on time. Prohibiting the use of remote ballot boxes for the return of advanced ballots makes it more difficult for people on the margins to vote.

Please vote no on Senate Bill 208. Protect the right to vote.

Rev. Jeanne Koontz

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