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Dear Chair & members of the committee,

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

I urge you to vote NO on bill SB 208. I have used ballot drop boxes often. My parents are elderly and voting in person is difficult for my dad. He is a lifelong Republican and votes in every election. While he and I may have different viewpoints, I absolutely do not want legislation passed that will make it more difficult for him to vote. He does not drive as much these days, so having a close secure ballot box is a big deal for our family. With mail delays becoming more frequent, drop boxes are a great way to alleviate stress on the USPS.

Please note that the Secretary of State, who is responsible for ensuring we have secure elections, is opposed to this bill. This bill is a solution to a problem that does not exist. Please vote NO on SB 208.

Thank you, Sara Askew Wichita