

Testimony to Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee

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Bill number: SB 208 and SB 210

Disposition: Proponent

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Dear Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to ask your committee to increase election integrity in Kansas by passing SB 208 and SB 210.

Having seen video evidence of the misuse of remote ballot boxes available 24/7 in previous elections, I feel without doubt that the number of remote ballot boxes in each county should be restricted depending on its size and population. In my opinion these untended drop boxes increase the risk of election fraud and eliminating them altogether is the best choice. If they are to be continued, there should be very few of them and they should be monitored 24/7. If illegal ballot harvesting exists and I believe it does, then the opportunities increase as the number of ballot boxes increase in each county. I ask for your support for SB 208.

I also am asking for your support for SB 210. I believe non-partisan elections, though perhaps well meaning, do not provide full transparency in voting for officials in all local, county or state elections. In non partisan elections, knowing which political party the candidate is a part of is a critical piece of information that informs my final decision. This gives me an idea of what to expect Democrats, Independents, and Republicans have very different ideology and platforms, and I want to know this information in addition to their public statements and campaign literature. Without this I'm not fully informed to make the decision for whom I should vote I have witnessed many candidates in these elections actually hiding behind this designation in refusing to answer questions from voters.

Respectfully,

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