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SB 365

Written Only

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Chairman Thompson and Member of the Committee,

Thank you for providing me time to share my thoughts and concerns regarding SB 365. My name is Marc Galbraith. I live in Shawnee County and I am voter. I respectfully encourage the committee to vote no and reject SB 365.

I believe there is widespread support for continuing the three day grace period for advance voting. We are largely a rural state and many rural residents struggle with the fact that they have longer mail delivery times. I believe that many also find it hard to access in person early voting. The fact that more than 40% of 2020 Kansas voters chose advance voting bears this out.

I think it is also worth remembering that for the last several years attempts to ban the three day grace period have met with bipartisan opposition. Why is that? Because legislators want to assure their constituents that their votes get counted.

We have also heard from local election officials and they too have opposed the restrictions call for in this bill All of us should be working to encourage voting and to assure confidence in the voting process. I encourage you to reject this legislation because it could seriously impede citizens' ability to vote.

Thank you again for providing me this opportunity to share my thoughts with you. And again, I encourage you to vote no on SB 365.