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SB 365 Proponent Written Only Testimony

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Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee,

As a constituent of Sedgwick County Kansas, I am writing to request your support of SB365. The bill would reduce the window for returning advanced ballots, ensuring that the ballots are delivered in a timely manner and counted accurately. Therefore, wanting all advanced ballots returned by 7 pm. By setting a formal deadline for advanced ballots, election officials can focus on tallying the votes, rather than worrying about ballots trickling in the day after the election. In addition, shortening the window for returned ballots would make it more difficult for fraudulent ballots to be inserted into the count later, potentially skewing the results.

Since there is a need for these advanced ballots by voters who are unable to go to the poles to vote for disabilities and such. Why would we need to extend the time for such as we all know that day is election day that closes by 7pm. By encouraging voters to cast their ballots in-person or earlier via mail reduces the likelihood of lost or missing ballots. If there is anything that we can do to keep elections secure is by keeping time capped at 7pm. There is no reason for several days for a ballot to enter that ballot box after the due date and time.

There has always been an election day, why do we need to make it longer. Please consider to pass SB365 out of committee.

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