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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB130

The Senate on Ethics, Elections and Local Government:

Chair: Senator Elaine Bowers

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Senator Kevin Braun, Senator Jim Denning, Senator Carolyn McGinn, Senator John Skubal and
Senator Susan Wagel

Good Morning Mr. Chairman and other distinguished Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 130:

This legislation was brought to our attention by our Sedgwick County Commissioners. This bill would prevent us from throwing out stacks of advanced ballots due to voters forgetting to sign the back of the card. With this bill, those ballots would be mailed back to the voter for signature and those votes will now be counted.

I witnessed a stack of advanced ballots thrown out during the November 2018 election. This legislation would help every vote count and could help prevent contested races as we had in the recent November election.

Thank you for your time and attention. I urge you to support SB-130

Sincerely,

Oletha Faust-Goudeau

Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau