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**Written Testimony to Senate Committee on Federal & State Affairs**

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BILL NUMBER: SB 394

BILL DESCRIPTION: Requiring advanced ballots be returned by Election Day

PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: Opponent

ORAL TESTIMONY OR WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY: Written

Dear committee members,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill SB 394 that removes the three day voter protection period. This law relies on the Postal Service to return my advanced ballot on time. While I fully support our postal service, they understandably can be overwhelmed in times of high volume, including election time with the return of ballots. Maintaining the three day grace period provides voters with more security that their ballot will be received and counted. I understand that a time limit should be set, but three days seems reasonable. Eliminating this grace period seems to serve no purpose but to make it more difficult for advanced voters to cast their ballot. This is not democratic nor does it provide any benefit to the validity of the election process.

Again, I ask that you oppose bill SB 394.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jennifer Ancell