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I urge you to support this important and necessary bill. Our election process is too important. During the 2015 election I was given a list of registered voters to encourage them to vote. I found a number of people that had died, yet were still getting ballots. In this last election, my neighbor could have easily received two ballots, one for her and one for the previous tenant. She was asked to submit a signature for the previous tenant. My niece did receive two ballots, with different versions of her name.

I am also aware of several older people who allow their children to vote for them, and the older person simply signs their name. I am also aware of families where a single household member does all of the actual voting, and the registered voter signs off.

We need to return to in person voting. This ensures one person one vote. It eliminates coercion and ensures that those voting have done a bit of research prior to voting. In person voting also builds community. It was always a good time to meet and talk with neighbors while waiting to vote.

Having a single voting day is also important. It helps to eliminate fraud (or the appearance of fraud) and allows all of the facts to come out by voting day. There have been numerous elections where new information was presented well after the ballots had been sent out.