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The idea that in person voting is the standard and mail and ballots are to be questioned is Ludacris. This is especially true, given our elderly population and the fact that many people, especially those with financial challenges who may not have access to transportation to and from voting locations is incredibly prejudicial. This creates an unfair benefit to those who are more financially stable and denies those with physical challenges/transportation challenges and any other difficult situations in life an equal opportunity to participate in the voting process. I come from a small town where many family members were working at least two jobs and simply would not have had enough time in their schedules to make it to a polling site, stand in line for lengthy periods without risking a loss of job and income. Voting is a constitutional right and not a privilege for the wealthy. Denying or attempting to restrict mail in voting is a transparent attempt to increase the number of wealthy voters and decrease the votes of those who have more difficulty asserting their voices. It is based discrimination on so many levels. It's inconceivable this is where our government is.