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On Behalf Of:

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Good evening, esteemed members of the committee. My name is Amber, and I am writing to express my opposition to in-person voting being established as the standard method for conducting elections.

Firstly, in-person voting poses significant barriers to access for many individuals. This includes those with disabilities, the elderly, and those living in remote areas who may have to travel long distances to reach polling places. By requiring all voters to vote in person, we risk disenfranchising a substantial portion of our population who may not have the means or ability to do so.

Secondly, in-person voting can lead to long lines and wait times, which can discourage participation. During peak voting hours, many individuals may find it challenging to take time off work or manage family responsibilities to vote. This can result in lower turnout rates and a less representative election outcome.

Lastly, the recent advancements in technology have provided us with secure and efficient alternatives to in-person voting, such as mail-in ballots and online voting systems. These methods not only enhance accessibility but also streamline the voting process, making it easier for citizens to exercise their democratic rights.

In conclusion, I urge the committee to consider these points and recognize that in-person voting should not be the standard method for elections. We must strive for a voting system that is inclusive, accessible, and reflective of the diverse needs of our population.

Thank you for your time and consideration.