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To Whomever it May Concern:

In defense of our thriving Democracy and to ensure that the largest percentage of the population is voting and voicing their opinions, we need to maintain our current practice of allowing mail-in ballots. Statistics clearly show the success of states who allow this practice: a significant number of ballots are cast early and a larger portion of the population is able to vote. Apart from the costly proposal to make Voting Day a national holiday which would allow voters the opportunity to present themselves in person, the mail-in ballot option is the beautiful solution to making the process fair and equitable to those either disabled, crippled by work obligations, or just not passionate enough to stand in lines for hours.

We have seen over the past decade that contrary to some conspiracy theories that the mail-in ballot system is full of corruption and fraud, the current system not only works brilliantly, but in fact has aligned very well with the results from the Electoral College.

We cannot and should not allow one individual's paranoia and hurt feelings to completely and arbitrarily undermine a system that a MAJORITY of the American people finds successful. We are a Democracy, are we not? Isn't our country for the people, by the people? Last time I checked, it wasn't "Let's change everything so that one person profits". It is ridiculous that these issues are even being tolerated.

For the people, by the people!

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