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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed bill that seeks to ban mail-in voting. As someone who has only ever known mail-in voting, I find this bill both unnecessary and harmful to the democratic process.

Mail-in voting ensures accessibility for all voters, including seniors who cannot stand in long lines, parents balancing childcare, and workers who cannot afford to take unpaid time off. In-person voting on a single day places an undue burden on those with rigid work schedules, forcing them to choose between exercising their right to vote and maintaining their livelihood. Additionally, in states like ours, where November weather is often cold and rainy and marks the start of flu season, requiring voters to stand outside for extended periods poses unnecessary health risks.

Beyond accessibility, mail-in voting allows for a more informed electorate. My family and I take the time to carefully review each candidate and ballot measure before casting our votes—something that would be far more difficult if we had to make our decisions in the rushed environment of an in-person polling place. By allowing voters time to research and reflect, mail-in voting encourages engagement beyond just party-line voting, giving third-party and independent candidates a fairer chance and fostering a more representative democracy.

Rather than restricting voting options, we should be working to expand and protect them. Mail-in voting has proven to be secure, convenient, and effective in increasing voter participation. I urge you to oppose this bill and support policies that make voting more accessible, not less.

Thank you for your time and consideration.