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I am in support of SB 210 and the changes it proposes to the voting system. Whether or not the media reports are true about fraudulent voters and votes, our system needs to implement a method that allows the least opportunities for fraud to occur. Integrity and confidence must be restored so that voters do not have the question in their mind as to whether the results of voting are valid.

Continuing to have all ballots mailed to voters leaves the opportunity for ballots to not be delivered to the intended recipient. Mail can be misdelivered or lost; people move, pass away, and sometimes don't recognize when they've received a ballot. Those are lost opportunities for voters.

I do support the ability for a person to request a mail-in ballot. There are many circumstances where this makes better sense, and that option should not be taken that away from people who need it.

I reject the argument that requiring identification is too harsh or leaves some eligible voters with an inability to vote. The argument that some people do not have, or the ability to secure, proper identification isn't as true as some politicians and the media have portrayed. Having a valid identification is required in so many circumstances in present day life that the inability to get one must be a rare exception.