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I appreciate the opportunity to testify today in support of ending mail-in voting and implementing strict voter ID requirements. Free and fair elections are the foundation of our democracy, and it is our duty to ensure that every vote cast is secure, verifiable, and counted accurately. While mail-in voting was expanded as a convenience, it has introduced significant risks that undermine public confidence in the electoral process.

One of the primary concerns with mail-in voting is the increased potential for fraud and ballot harvesting. When ballots are sent out en masse, there is little control over who actually receives, completes, and returns them. This opens the door for lost, stolen, or improperly filled-out ballots, as well as third-party interference. In contrast, in-person voting under proper identification requirements ensures that only eligible voters are casting ballots.

Implementing a strong voter ID requirement is a common-sense solution that further protects election integrity. Just as we need identification for basic activities like boarding a plane, opening a bank account, or purchasing certain products, it is entirely reasonable to require ID for something as crucial as voting. Voter ID laws help prevent fraud, eliminate duplicate voting, and ensure that only eligible citizens are participating in our elections.

Additionally, mail-in voting has led to widespread delays in election results, eroding trust in the system. The extended counting process creates confusion, allowing misinformation and doubts to spread. Swift and transparent election outcomes are critical to maintaining faith in our democracy.

Voting is a fundamental civic duty, and ensuring that it takes place in a controlled, in-person environment with proper identification preserves the sanctity of the process. With early voting, extended hours, and accessible polling locations, voters have ample opportunities to cast their ballots securely without relying on mail-in options that introduce unnecessary vulnerabilities.

For these reasons, I strongly support legislative efforts to end mail-in voting and require voter ID to protect the integrity of our elections. Thank you for your time and consideration.