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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing in strong support of our current vote by mail system. It allows for everyone to vote regardless of work shifts, disability or mobility issues, transportation, or family obligations including child care pickup.

The ability to review the ballot at home and research the candidates, issues, and ballot measures is extremely valuable.

In previous years I lived in Minnesota when it was strictly at-the-polls voting. Despite prior studying at home and bringing a list of my planned votes, there were always downballot races such as school boards, commissions, judges and ballot measures that I was not aware would be on the ballot. This meant guessing or skipping those items.

Vote-by-mail, and in particular our current method of no postage required and counting votes postmarked by election day, allows for a more informed electorate and greater opportunity to vote.

I urge that you maintain the current system and refuse this movement toward decreasing voter participation.

Thank you,  
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