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Allowing people to vote by mail is essential to keeping voting accessible to as many people as possible. Every four years, I hear the horror stories people share about going to vote in person. I see the posts going around, encouraging people to make a full day schedule and know your rights to ensure your vote counts. I hear about the hoops people have to jump through to get off work, find transportation, and find childcare. That doesn't even begin to touch on all the struggles of those who are sick and/or have disabilities.

Everytime election time comes, I am grateful for our vote by mail option. While I know many in-person voters likely have a relatively smooth process, I have never needed to even consider all those challenges as someone who can vote by mail. I can vote on my own time, in my own home, and use my own mailbox to send it in. I know without a doubt that I and most people I know will have the tools and abilities necessary to cast their votes. To switch to require people vote in person feels like an attack on voter turnout and an overall step back for the state and country.