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Mail-in voting is good for democracy, as it reduces the time and expense for lawful citizens to vote. This in turn increases participation in elections, which should be the goal of any election system.

The boogeyman that this bill says it is trying to prevent — election fraud — is so rare as to be almost nonexistent. This is based on hard data and not on conjecture. Instead, this bill is about disenfranchising certain lawful citizens by making it harder for them to vote, which is counter to democracy.

Further, this bill is also about a federal executive order that is trying to tell our state how to run its elections. This is a clear violation of our state's right to govern itself, and should be resisted as the unlawful demand that it is.

For all these reasons I strongly urge our state to reject this bill.