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Voting by mail is the best, most inclusive, means of voting that we have available to us. People who want to abolish voting by mail have two main arguments: reducing fraud, and promoting civil spirit.

They can't back up their first argument. There is no evidence that there is any significant amount of fraud in our current voting system anywhere in the country, whether it's voting by mail or otherwise. It's simply a fear mongering tactic that relies on emotion over reason.

Their second argument may be true for themselves on an individual level. It is not true for me, or for many of the millions of other people that vote. Regardless of any of that, it is not the government's place to enact laws based on how they make anyone feel.

The people who argue against voting by mail usually also argue against government interference in individual lives. They blatantly show their hypocrisy here, since requiring in person voting is an imposition on a person's life, often requiring missing work, altering meal schedules, spending extra money on gas, and on, and on. Voting by mail imposes very minor changes in day to day life, and saves both time and money of every citizen in the community.

On a personal note, voting in person would often require me to miss work, sacrificing as much as 25% of my monthly pay depending on how my schedule would play out.

Do not bow to the fear mongering of those who want to abolish voting by mail. Stay with system that has served our state well for decades and quash this bill in committee.