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I am writing to you today to express my strong opposition to the proposed bill to repeal vote-by-mail. This system has proven to be a vital component of our democratic process, enhancing accessibility and security for voters across our state.

Vote-by-mail significantly increases voter turnout, particularly among those facing barriers to traditional polling places, such as individuals with disabilities, those working multiple jobs, and those in rural areas. It allows time for thoughtful consideration of ballot measures and candidates, reducing the pressure of rushed decisions at a polling booth.

Furthermore, claims that vote-by-mail is inherently susceptible to fraud are demonstrably false. Our current system includes robust safeguards, such as signature verification and ballot tracking, which ensure the integrity of the election. Eliminating vote-by-mail would not only disenfranchise eligible voters but also create unnecessary burdens on our election administrators.

Repealing vote-by-mail is a step backward, not forward, for our democracy. It diminishes voter access and undermines the principles of fair and inclusive elections. I urge you to reject this bill and preserve this essential tool for civic participation.