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I strongly oppose this measure. As a precinct committee person in my community, I have come to deeply appreciate how the current practice of Vote by Mail serves our citizens. One of its primary benefits, which I have experienced personally and heard echoed by my constituents, is the opportunity to thoughtfully evaluate candidates and measures in the comfort of one's home.

In today's fast-paced world, people juggle numerous responsibilities—working, raising children, managing households, and caring for themselves and others. Many individuals work multiple jobs or have irregular hours, while others, including the elderly and disabled, often rely on others for transportation and errands. Vote by Mail accommodates these diverse circumstances, fostering greater participation across our electorate.

Another often-overlooked advantage of Vote by Mail is the ability for citizens to cast their votes early, avoiding the barrage of political messaging—frequently negative and laced with disinformation—that intensifies in the final days before election day. This saturation leaves many feeling overwhelmed and fatigued. The freedom to vote early provides a welcome reprieve from this chaos.

Vote by Mail is a system that empowers voters and strengthens our democracy. It is a practice worth preserving.