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I fully oppose this attempt to repeal mail-in voting.

Mail-in voting has made me a more knowledgeable, informed, and motivated voter.

By having the time to sit down with my ballot over the course of a couple of weeks, I can chip away at researching every measure and candidate on it. I can take notes, I can have my questions answered well before the deadline, I can compare lists of endorsements to envision how well certain folks would work together if elected. I can vote without having to take off work to stand in line, I can vote even if I'm struck with a fever and cannot leave my house. My neighbor who is in a wheelchair can vote without any hassle. My mom friends don't have to pay for childcare so they can stand in line at the polls. And my friends who are parents can model democracy at home through mail-in-voting, and use the process as a teaching tool so that their children grow up more informed and involved. It's a win-win.

When I vote by mail, I vote without fear. I vote with my brain and not by shrugging and deferring to party lines because I am faced with a choice I forgot to look up before hitting the polls. Voting by mail has resulted in my votes more accurately representing my ideals. I am actually in full favor of making voting-by-mail a national option. Taking away votes by mail with result in voter suppression.