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I am writing to express my strong opposition to this effort, which seeks to remove the ability for citizens to vote by mail. This measure would impose unnecessary barriers on voters, diminish voter participation, and undermine the accessibility and security of our electoral process.

Mail-in voting is a crucial component of our democracy. It ensures that voters—especially seniors, individuals with disabilities, military personnel, rural residents, and those with demanding work schedules—have the opportunity to participate in elections without facing undue hardship. Removing this option would disenfranchise many eligible voters who rely on this secure and convenient method of casting their ballots.

Furthermore, mail-in voting has been proven to be safe and reliable. Numerous studies and bipartisan election officials have confirmed that voter fraud associated with mail-in ballots is exceedingly rare. Many states have successfully implemented mail-in voting for years, demonstrating its efficiency, security, and ability to increase voter turnout. In fact, states with extensive mail-in voting systems, such as Colorado, Utah, and Washington, have seen high levels of participation and election integrity.

Eliminating mail-in voting would not only reduce accessibility but could also lead to longer lines at polling places, increased administrative costs, and logistical challenges that could further strain our election systems. Rather than restricting this vital option, we should be working to expand and enhance secure voting methods to ensure every eligible voter has the opportunity to have their voice heard.

I urge you to uphold the fundamental right of all citizens to participate in free and fair elections through accessible voting options. I vote No.