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In regard to the idea of reducing mail in voting in favor of in person voting, I am writing to help explain that there are far more problems and security risks with in person voting as opposed to the current mail in voting system.

Voting fraud, which is different from election fraud, has a minuscule amount of problems relative to the number of people voting. To add a quotation from a study into the matter, "infinitesimal" number of fraud cases in elections between 2000 and 2012 — a total of 2,068, which equates to about one case for every 15 million eligible voters." So to start this hardly seems like it is worth the time and effort to discuss, but since perfect is the enemy of good and that we are discussing it already let us continue.

If you support democracy then there appears no valid argument against mail in voting, as it greatly enhances the ability of people to vote.

Each voter already has their ID checked when registering, so any argument about their ID being needed does not hold up to scrutiny.

Without voting day being a national holiday and in places where voting in person is required the ability to vote is a privilege held by those with more means. And forcing people to decide to vote or take time off work and add stress and reduce income to their family is actually an attack on people who cannot afford to do these things. In person voting is a direct attack on low income people. As we have low income people being a protected class in some situations, like renting, it is unconscionable to put disadvantaged people into a more disadvantaged situation that would itself only seek to further disenfranchise those people.

Let's be real, mail in voting is far more beneficial to democracy than forcing people to go to the polls. You know this, I know it, we also know that the only people seeking to curtail mail in voting are those that wish to harm the USA and democracy in general. The only people and institutions that champion this proposed reduction in democracy are those that stand to gain from harming people.

This idea of regression does not have a logical leg to stand on, and should be filed with the bill that wanted to change Pi, the mathematical ratio, to the number 3. It is reckless and dishonest if taken at face value, insidious if taken factual, and altogether a waste of time and effort purposely done in an attempt to hurt Americans.