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I understand the worries over any form of ballot fraud. I feel the concerns are not significant enough to justify a change. Mail voting is a real benefit to people who have a variety of hurdles to voting access. Personally, I like being able to vote while sitting at my kitchen table with the voters pamphlet open to help clarify and double check my choice. I can be slow while finalizing my process in the booth to the point I become aware that I am holding up others. Thus hurrying my vote; something similar to a timed test stress. My biggest concern is people in more remote areas are more impacted by travel and time. My other concern is social influence. People have less personal thought and more social influence when seeing people who they know disagree with how they vote. Socially people are less critical in their voting when they see neighbors give non-verbal signals that one should not go against your local majority, whichever party or social group has strong feelings about the issues on the ballot.

Respectfully, Kenneth H. Olesen