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I remember going to the elementary school, our local precinct with my mom, and seeing the feet underneath the curtain as people cast their ballots. When I had children of my own, I remember carefully reviewing the voters pamphlet and making my decisions, and then walking to my local precinct with two children, juggling their needs and my duty to cast my ballot as I saw fit. I then understood what dedication and value my mom held her right to vote.

My children were still under 5 years old when vote by mail was instituted. It made it easier for a stay at home mom and a graveyard shift worker to each cast our ballots from home with our full attention at the times best suited for us. My husband and I have instilled within each of our children, now adults themselves, the importance of our civic duty to vote our own consciences.

Our elections via mail are secure and convenient. Returning to in-person ballot boxes will do nothing to improve election security, but it will disenfranchise people in situations like ours: young parents and shift workers, as well as the elderly and infirm who have difficulty leaving home. The right to cast our votes has been hard won, and I demand that it remains available to all, without artificial barriers such as the ones outlined in this bill. The goal is fewer votes and voters, which will not reflect the will of the people.

Please vote no and safeguard our vote by mail system.