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I am writing in today as neutral for changing the voting standard to in-person. My feeling on this subject is, I find mail in ballot to be a great convenience for most people in the state because we mostly are full-time working families and finding time to take off to go to the polls is very difficult and sometimes for some people in medical or financial difficult situations can make it difficult or even impossible to get to the polls. I think by making the standard voting practice in-person would be disenfranchising whole communities in this dire time of needing as many people's voting as possible.

Now with that being said, if this were to become the standard voting practice then we would need to take steps to make sure that everyone gets their voices heard on the ballots. I think voting day should be a national holiday that everyone is required off (of course there are some occasions that may not be possible in those cases we need to find means to make it possible) to be able to go to the polls and make their voice heard. Now with those who with medical issues in which they cannot easily get to the polls for example: elderly, disabled, people without vehicles or driving abilities; we need to make sure they have the services available to them to get to the polls like rides to the polls or exceptions for these folks to vote by mail. We cannot leave those folks in need without a way to vote.

Please consider all these thoughts before making this very important decision.