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I strongly oppose any measure to repeal our vote by mail system, which has been in place for over 20 years without any evidence of widespread fraud or abuse.

The reasons why vote by mail is a far superior system when compared to in person voting should be obvious, but since this measure has come forward, I guess I need to enumerate them.

Vote by mail makes voting more accessible to all eligible voters. Those who have work, those who are taking care of children, or are otherwise leading busy lives would have a much harder time exercising their right to vote if they are required to come and do so in person. I have heard the stories about other parts of the country where people need to wait in line, in the sun, the rain, or the snow, for hours on end in order to exercise their right to vote. I find the idea of returning to this system, which makes it so much easier to disenfranchise the elderly, the sick, and people with disabilities, positively dystopian.