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We have a great election system that allows everyone in our state the ability to vote in each election no matter their access to transportation or ability to make it to a pole station. If we eliminate the mail in voting option or make it not available to everyone we will see a reduction of participation in our electoral process. At times, demands from work, family or other situation such as health or financial options can limit peoples ability to make it to an election site on or at a specific time. Many of the states most vulnerable will choose to skip voting simply due to time and/or access. Just because someone might not like the outcome of an election, doesn't mean it was done incorrectly. It just simply means your choice didn't come out on top, it has no connection to if that ballot was mailed in or cast in person. It is important to evaluate that if there are cuts in the future to USPS which causes issues with our postal service being able to process all ballots in a timely manner due to staff constraints imposed by federal cuts, we need to move the deadlines up to ensure adequate time is available to our postal workers so every ballot is counted.

I do not believe we need to accept ballots after an election date, if someone doesn't mail it in time, just like now, they would have to go cast their vote in person.