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Mail-in voting makes elections accessible for our disabled citizens as well as anyone with significant time constraints — working families, those in higher education, and people who rely on public transportation — all of whom would be most severely impacted by the bills being voted on. Switching to in-person ballot casting would exclude those who struggle to stand for long periods of time or to be unable to access restrooms while in line, along with anyone who requires a service animal. People living paycheck-to-paycheck (the majority of Americans, according to the American Payroll Association<sup>1</sup> and an increasing number post-COVID<sup>2</sup>) would be forced to choose between their personal livelihood and their voice in public policy that affects their day-to-day lives.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/number-of-americans-living-paycheck-to-paycheck-on-decline-despite-pandemic-301134207.html>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.nefe.org/\\_images/research/Polls/COVID-19-Concerns-Update-Survey-Summary.docx](https://www.nefe.org/_images/research/Polls/COVID-19-Concerns-Update-Survey-Summary.docx)