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I strongly oppose this measure. Voting by mail is a secure and convenient method that allows individuals to cast their votes from the comfort of their homes, providing ample time to thoroughly research candidates and the issues at hand. In contrast, waiting in long lines for hours is highly inconvenient and, in my opinion, would be a regression to eliminate the option of voting by mail. There is no proof that in mail voting isn't to be trusted. It's a fear tactic used to stir up anger from those who believe it, and making it inconvenient for those who wish to vote.

This move could disproportionately impact those who are unable to take time off from work without risking their income, as well as those facing other personal challenges, such as caregiving responsibilities (babies, children, etc.) As a 25 year old woman, I do not want to fear intimidation or harassment while exercising my right to vote, particularly from individuals who may disagree with my views. While I can stand up to such behavior, no one should be placed in that position. Many would likely avoid voting altogether if faced with such circumstances. We have all heard on the news of this behavior happening.

Overall, eliminating mail-in voting would be a step backward, making the voting process more restrictive and less accessible to many citizens. At that point you may as well not allow people to vote if you are taking away resources to ensure a safe and secure voting process. The world is already a hard place as is. Why make things more difficult for the working class, for anybody who has the right to vote.