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Mail-in ballot has been the reason for my participation during election season. As a teacher with my own extra curricular activities to coach and busy children's schedules to attend to, being able to spend the time in the peace of my own home to put together my thoughtful vote then take it to a post office on my way to work has given me tremendous peace of mind and the time to make my vote in a meaningful and unrushed way. If I had to take time off work to go to a place to cast my ballot, this would definitely reduce my participation in lesser elections. I feel my ballot is very secure, especially with the texts that let me know where my ballot is located in the process of being received, cast & counted.

Without having a paid national voting day, elections are up to the people to participate in and unlike myself, many do not have the means to get to a voting location nor the time to take off work in order to prioritize this fundamental aspect of our democracy. The impact this would have on me is significant, I am certain people who are even less able would be devastated & each of their voices should be heard with equal weight to my own voice.