

Dear State and Local Government Committee and Speaker of the House:

As Ohio lawmakers, you have the power to make voting safe for voters, poll workers, and election officials this November. Please don't let this election be a repeat of the primary -- when far too many voters were unable to cast a ballot due to confusion, delay, or lack of access. We ask you to oppose HB 680, and instead support changes that would encourage absentee voting and safe in-person voting.

House Bill 680 could do much harm to Ohio voters:

- By reversing the long-time practice of sending absentee ballot applications to all registered voters and instead sending an informational postcard, HB 680 will increase confusion and delay, likely leading to major problems at the polls on election day.
- By requiring plans to be made far ahead of time, the bill makes it impossible to respond to any emergency that occurs closer than 57 days before the election.

Please oppose HB 680. Instead, support safe and secure Ohio elections by enacting common sense reforms such as allowing online absentee ballot requests, providing prepaid postage for vote-by-mail applications and ballots, and allowing more than one early vote center per county.

Thank you for working to protect Ohio voters.

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