

To: The Ohio House State & Local Gov. Committee
Hearing on **HB 680**
June 2, 2020

Testimony

Voting is our most sacred right.

Making it easier and safer to vote must be the duty of those who represent us in the Ohio State Legislature. HB 680 does not make voting safer or more accessible.

HB 680 prohibits postage paid absentee applications and ballots. **Paying for postage by the voter is a poll tax.** Instead **voters should receive postage paid absentee applications and ballots** Sending confusing postcards alerting voters to apply for absentee ballots only adds to the steps one must go through to vote. **Send all voters absentee applications and allow online absentee ballots request.**

I am deeply troubled that this bill will limit all Ohioans' right to vote.

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