

Chairman Coley, Vice Huffman, Tanking Member Craig, and members of the senate Government Oversight Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Kyle Johnson and I am Involved in several Civic Organizations in my community and also have a heavy presence in the lives of many youth in Zanesville, Ohio. I may be just 19 years old but my community service and work in After school Programs Spans over 5 years. I am strongly opposed to HB 680 in its current form.

I have been presented with many obstacles in the past years specifically in relevance toward the involvement of young adults and parents. It is an extremely hard task to get participation from these groups especially those in the ladder population. This participation includes things such as conferences, deadline payments, deadline applications, and several other things, so we adjusted, we became more flexible for this audience of people and did online meetings, extended deadlines and allowed open enrollment. I believe amidst this pandemic our government should do just that, be more flexible and adjust its legislation to reflect that of which is the needs of its people, as I can tell you if not all or some of HB 680 isn't adjusted the participation will not just go down in voting it will plummet in the state of Ohio. Current law says absentee ballots may be accepted up to 3 days before election as it should, yet HB 680 removes that and pushes it to only 7days before election. Every Registered voter in the State of Ohio Should be sent prepaid postage for their absentee ballot for a safe and equal opportunity access to their vote.

If these changes such as prepaid postage for absentee ballots, and more than one secure ballot drop box location per county, and access online to request ballots, and extended time to vote by mail in Ohio are not made, I ask you to consider my testimony and vote no on HB 680. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

I will now take any questions you have.