

### **SB 293 would throw out valid votes**

- More than 9,500 ballots were received during the November 2024 four-day post election window (source: [Ohio Absentee and Early Voting Dashboard](#)).
- Ballots that are properly filled out, postmarked on time, and mailed by the legal deadline would be discarded simply because of postal delays.
- Voters would be punished for something completely outside their control: the speed of the mail.

### **SB 293 is especially harmful to:**

- Rural Ohio voters: slower mail routes and reduced postal service days mean longer delivery times
- Ohio seniors and Ohioans with disabilities: voting by mail is often the only option for these voters. This is an extremely important point. My son has epilepsy and cannot drive to a polling station. If we can't get him there due to our full-time jobs and work schedules, voting by mail is his only option. I am proud that he is a 20 year old young adult who WANTS to vote and make his voice heard, and he deserves the opportunity to do that. I am sure there are thousands of other Ohioans in similar positions.
- Ohio voters without reliable transportation: Ohioans living in poverty and students who often don't have their own vehicles would be disproportionately impacted. How much money you make and whether you have a car should not infringe upon your right to vote.

### **Ohio election law already requires mail-in ballots to be postmarked on the day before Election Day.**

- **Absentee voters aren't getting any extra time to vote.**
- The existing 4-day acceptance period doesn't extend the time Ohio voters can cast a ballot, it's simply a mail delivery window to ensure ballots from eligible voters are counted.

### **Ohioans expect their mailed ballots will be counted.**

Of the more than 2.6M Ohioans who voted before Election Day last November, 803,253 (31%) voters used the US Postal Service as their preferred method of ballot return (source: [Ohio Absentee and Early Voting Dashboard](#))

