

Chair Ray, Vice Chair LaRe, Ranking  
Member Brent, and members of the  
House General Government  
Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today.  
My name is Dr. Laura Gushue. I am a  
resident of Chippewa Lake in Medina  
County and am a strong proponent for  
every citizen's right to vote AND to  
have it counted. I am ardently and  
passionately opposed to SB 293.

Approximately 31% of voters who cast their  
ballots in this past election voted by  
mail. Many were elderly, lived in rural  
areas, were disabled or at school with  
no transportation. If they had their  
ballots postmarked before the  
appropriate deadline, why in the world  
would you silence their voices just  
because the postal service was slow to

get it to you? It is undemocratic and anti American to support silencing the voices of any voter!

I ask you to consider my testimony, respect Ohio voters, and vote NO on this unfair and harmful bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Laura Gushue, DMD