

Chair Ray, Vice Chair LaRe: Members Bird, John, Manning, Mclain, Miller, Oelslager and Plummer; and members of the House General Government Committee,

My name is Leslie Rumbarger and I am a life-long citizen of Ohio, currently residing in Bainbridge Township.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I am writing to express my opposition to SB 293.

It should be important to everyone that every citizen's vote counts. If a ballot is mailed on time as indicated by a postmark than it should be counted no matter when it arrives. Ohio citizens should not lose their right to have their vote counted because of post office delays.

My daughter mailed her 2024 election ballot on Oct 25th in the University of Cincinnati area. It was postmarked October 26, but the ballot did not make it to the Geauga County Board of Elections office in Chardon until November 12. It took the US postal system 18 days to deliver a clearly marked election ballot, that was mailed well in advance of election day.

It should matter to everyone that everyone's vote counts. We should be extending the grace period not eliminating it.

This bill is unnecessary and is harmful.

Please vote no on moving SB 293 forward.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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