

Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ohio SB 293. This bill would create significant and unnecessary barriers for many Ohioans who rely on voting by mail.

Rural Ohio voters would be harmed by slower mail routes and reduced postal service days, which would further delay the delivery of absentee ballots.

Ohio seniors and individuals with disabilities—for whom voting by mail is often the only accessible option—would face new risks to having their votes counted.

Ohioans without reliable transportation, including many low-income voters and students, would also be disproportionately affected. For these voters, voting by mail is not merely a convenience; it is a critical means of participating in our democratic process.

I respectfully ask you to consider my testimony, uphold the voting rights of all Ohioans, and vote **NO** on SB 293.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony.

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