

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 Sherry McMillen. I am a lifelong resident of Ohio. I am strongly opposed to SB 293.

A [majority of Americans favor](#) allowing the option to make it safer, easier and more reliable for people to cast ballots. They don't fall for the false claims that mail voting fraud is a problem. The truth – it is [exceedingly rare](#).

It is important to protect the integrity of our elections. But we must be careful not to undermine free and fair access to the ballot in the name of preventing phantom voter fraud.

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.

Senate Bill 293 would punish voters for something completely outside their control: the speed of the mail.

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

Sincerely,

Sheryl McMillen