

**SB 293 Testimony  
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Chair Ray, Vice Chair LaRe, Ranking Member Brent, and members of the House General Government Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony today. My name is Dr. Tommie R. Radd. I vote in Ohio Senate District 16, House District 4, and Congressional District 3. I am **strongly** opposed to SB 293. My opposition is Not a partisan concern but a democracy concern that disenfranchises voters throughout Ohio. Especially harmed would be rural Ohio voters, seniors and Ohioans with disabilities, and those without reliable transportation such as those living in poverty and students without their own vehicles.

Ohioan's votes would become negatively impacted by the quality of the Mail Service in their area. One example of the negative impact of the mail service just occurred in my hometown in NE Ohio. This disabled, senior voter called to ask for an absentee ballot request form. The ballot request form was never received. By the time this disabled, senior voter realized the problem, the new request form was not received with enough time to send and receive a ballot with the current guidelines! This is the First time this voter ever missed a vote. To add More barriers is Not democracy and further impacts the voices of Ohioan! STOP THIS MADNESS!

Your job is to remove barriers to the vote Not implement additional barriers. The current guidelines already require the ballots be postmarked the day Before voting day! Over 31% of voters used the postal service in 2024. This alone would have impacted more than 9,500 ballots based on the number of ballots that were received in the 4-day window allowed by law in the November 2024 election. **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.

I ask you to VOTE NO on SB 293.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr, Tommie R. Radd

