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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 testify today. My name is Deborah Hogshead. I am a 69-year-old registered voter. I've also been a poll worker since 2022 in Miami County. I am strongly opposed to SB 293.

As a poll worker, I've seen how carefully local Republicans and Democrats work side by side to keep our elections fair and secure. At the polls, if there's some question about whether a person can vote, depending on the situation, they might be given a provisional ballot and four days to correct the problem, which initiated the provisional process, by presenting the necessary documentation in person at the county board of elections. I strongly believe that absentee voters, who postmark their ballots by election day, should have the same grace period. Mail gets lost, even if sent well ahead of deadlines. Absentee voters should not be punished for something beyond their control. A four-day period seems reasonable, especially since other voters also get that grace period.

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

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