

Hello Chairperson Sharon Ray, Rep. Lake, Ranking Member Brent, Rep. Bird, Rep. John, Rep. Manning, Rep. McClain, Rep. Miller, Rep. Oelslager, and Rep. Plummer.

I am Patricia Carter living in Willoughby Hills in Lake County now for almost two years. My previous residences in Cuyahoga County as an active member of the League of Women Voters where I have worked various communities and know that Americans are living longer in their homes, in nursing facilities, and within assisted living communities.

With that in mind, there are more absentee ballots being mailed into the Board of Elections in the 21st century than previous years. As a democracy, I am imploring the "NO" vote on Senate Bills 293 and 153 in an effort to not disenfranchise those citizens who are physically not able to process their choices on their ballots via early voting or Election Day voting but now have the option of absentee voting and mailing in their ballots to their local Board of Elections. Anything other than a "NO" vote on Senate Bill 293 and Senate Bill 153 will disenfranchise a large segment of our communities and that is definitely not part of the democratic process "for the people, by the people".

Please DO THE RIGHT THING and Vote "NO" on Senate Bills 293 and 153 on Tuesday, November 18, 2025! Keep DEMOCRACY STRONG!

Citizen Voting is a U.S. Constitutional Right!

Best,

Patricia Carter