

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 Evelyn Kremyar. I was born in Salem, Ohio and have been an Ohio resident for my entire life. I am strongly opposed to SB 293. This is why:

**1. SB 293 would throw out valid votes**

- More than 9,500 ballots were received during the November 2024 four-day post election window (source: [Ohio Absentee and Early Voting Dashboard](#))
- Ballots that are properly filled out, postmarked on time, and mailed by the legal deadline would be discarded simply because of postal delays

**2. SB 293 is especially harmful to:**

- Rural Ohio voters: slower mail routes and reduced postal service days mean longer delivery times
- Ohio seniors, military, and Ohioans with disabilities: voting by mail is often the only option for these voters
- Ohio voters without reliable transportation: Ohioans living in poverty and students who often do not have their own vehicles would be disproportionately impacted

**3. Ohio election law already requires mail-in ballots to be postmarked on the day before Election Day.**

- **Absentee voters are not getting any extra time to vote**
- The existing 4-day acceptance period does not extend the time Ohio voters can cast a ballot, it is simply a mail delivery window to ensure ballots from eligible voters are counted

**Ohioans have a RIGHT to expect their mailed ballots will be counted.**

Of the more than 2.6M Ohioans who voted before Election Day last November, 803,253 (31%) voters used the US Postal Service as their preferred method of ballot return (source: [Ohio Absentee and Early Voting Dashboard](#))

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

Respectfully,

Evelyn Kremyar  
Stow, Ohio resident