

To the Honorable Sharon Ray Chair of the General Government Committee of the Ohio House of Representatives, the Honorable Jeff LaRe Vice Chair, and the Honorable Ranking Member Juantia Brent. My name is Randy Cunningham, I live at 3623 West Blvd, Cleveland, Ohio 44111 and I wish to testify against Senate Bill 293 that is before you.

Voting should be easy in the United States and in Ohio. However, the record of the Ohio legislature shows a body that seems determined to turn a basic right into an obstacle course, full of ands, ifs, and buts designed to trip up the prospective voter. Only the most resolute and determined voter can run this obstacle course and finally vote. Now the legislature has a bill (SB 293) before it that is reaching into its bag of tricks to hamper and harass the availability of voting by mail. Cut it out!! Make a U turn and start considering legislation that makes it **easier to vote**. What a fresh new idea!!

I don't know if any of you have noticed that mail delivery is irregular and slow. It is not because the postal service is incompetent. It is because for the past generation the powers that have been slowly destroying the postal service. I remember how amazed I was to learn from my mother that when she was in the WAVES during World War II, mail delivery was twice a day. Gone are those days. SB 293 takes advantage of the trashing of the US postal service, to make delivery of mailed votes, even more iffy. But it is part of the overall harassment of American voters.

Finally, we like the boast of our democracy, but it is a democracy that very few Americans really participate in. The rate of voting in our society mocks our democratic boasting. Quit harassing voters with silly legislation like SB 293.

Thank you. Randy Cunningham