

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

Thank you for letting me testify today. I'm Carol Tripodo, retired teacher and grandmother of nine. I am strongly opposed to proposed Senate Bill 293 because it seeks to reduce voting rights instead of enhancing them. In a perfect world, every citizen of age would vote to select their representatives on a voting holiday. Since our postal delivery from Fairlawn, Ohio has become unreliable, people who cast their vote postmarked the day before election day would be rendered disqualified due to poor postal service if not given the four day grace period that military persons would continue to receive. The senate bill states that it would make for a more timely election, however, with service persons and people voting from out of the country still being counted during the 4-day grace period that point is moot.

In November 2024, 9,500 ballots were received during the four day post election window. Every voice should be heard and every vote counted. We cannot control the speed of the mail. Those votes could be for your candidate!

Please respect all Ohio voters and vote NO on SB 293. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Carol Tripodo