

I am writing to express my strong support for maintaining the four-day grace period around Election Day. Preserving this grace period is essential to protecting fair, accessible, and accurate elections in our state.

The grace period plays an important role in ensuring every eligible voter has their ballot counted—especially those who mail their ballots on time but face delays that are completely outside their control. With the well-documented inconsistencies in mail delivery, removing the grace period would unfairly penalize responsible voters and could lead to thousands of legitimate ballots being discarded.

This short window also helps election officials. It provides them with the necessary time to verify, process, and securely count ballots without being rushed, which reduces errors and increases confidence in the final results. Accurate counts serve all of us, regardless of political party.

Most importantly, maintaining the grace period strengthens trust in our democratic process. When voters know their ballot will be counted as long as it's submitted by Election Day, participation increases—and higher participation leads to elections that truly represent the will of the people.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to keep the four-day grace period in place. It is a small but vital safeguard that protects voters, improves election accuracy, and upholds the integrity of our democratic system.

Thank you for your time and commitment to the people of our state.