

Dear Senators of Ohio: DO NOT PASS SENATE BILL NO. 293.

If you pass S.B. 293:

- Our Ohio ballots that are **properly filled out, postmarked on time, and mailed by the legal deadline** would be discarded simply because of postal delays. **Voters would be punished for something completely outside their control: the speed of the mail.** Which our Federal government has done everything they can to slow down and impede.
- **SB 293 especially harms:**
  - **Rural Ohio voters:** slower mail routes and reduced postal service days mean longer delivery times
  - **Ohio seniors 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 don't have their own vehicles would be disproportionately impacted
- **Ohio's current system works well:** Ohio election law already requires mail-in ballots to be postmarked on the day before Election Day. The existing 4-day acceptance period doesn't extend the time Ohio voters can cast a ballot, it's simply a mail delivery window to ensure ballots from eligible voters are counted.
- **Ohioans trust their mailed ballots will be counted:** Of the more than 2.6M Ohioans who voted before Election Day last November, 803,253 (31%) voters placed their trust in the US Postal Service as their preferred method of ballot return (source: [Ohio Absentee and Early Voting Dashboard](#)).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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