

Dear Chairman Roegner, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Blackshear, Jr., and esteemed members of the Senate General Government Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on SB 293.

My name is Catherine M. Manzo. I am a citizen of the State of Ohio and a registered voter. SB 293 requiring all marked absentee voter's ballots to be delivered to the board of elections by the close of the polls on Election Day in order to be counted, is a disservice to voters exercising their constitutional right to vote, and should be voted down in committee.

Currently, ballots that arrive late by mail must be postmarked by the **day before** Election Day to show that the voter mailed the ballot before the close of the polls, and those ballots are given up to four days to be received by the board of elections and queued for counting. This makes sense. This is **unambiguous**. Absentee ballots must be postmarked the day before Election Day. According to the website of The Ohio Secretary of State, "Recognizing the complexities of voting overseas, both federal and state laws protect the right and ability for uniformed services and overseas U.S. citizens to vote by providing additional and adequate time for them to apply for and cast an absentee ballot." The Secretary has also stated that the last election was completed with 99.9% accuracy.

Given that our elections are accurate and secure, disenfranchising citizens and registered voters is not what the Ohio Legislature should be engaging in. Use your power to support voters. Vote No on SB 293; do not advance this bill to the Senate floor.

Sincerely,

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