

Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Blackshear and members of the Senate General Government Committee:

My name is Amanda Subler Abounader and I am a life-long citizen of Ohio, having grown up in rural Ohio and now living in suburban Cleveland.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I am writing to express my opposition to SB 293.

It is the latest attempt to restrict voting access and to disenfranchise voters. In this case, voters whose ballots are delayed in the mail, will be punished for something completely out of their control.

More than 9500 ballots were received during the four-day window following the November 2024 election. In total, 31% of Ohioans cast their votes by mail in that election. This option is a preferred method for many voters for a variety of reasons.

If you remove the 4-day window it will unfairly hurt:

- **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.

The current system we have in place works well. The 4-day window does not extend the time Ohio voters can cast a ballot, it just gives the U.S. Postal Service, which is now more unreliable than ever, time to deliver the ballots.

This bill is unnecessary and deeply harmful.

Do what's right for Ohio. Please vote no on moving SB 293 forward.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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