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In opposition to SB293

To the honorable members of the Ohio Senate General Government Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony on Senate Bill 293.

My name is Elaine Bayless and I am a small business owner in Shaker Heights, Ohio. I was born in Wilmington, Ohio, attended Oberlin College, and moved to Shaker Heights to raise my children. I am proud to be an Ohioan.

The proposed legislation would restrict access to absentee and mail-in voting by eliminating the current four-day acceptance period for ballots. This legislation would punish voters who complete their ballots on time. Delayed delivery would deny Ohioans their right to vote simply because of a failure by the postal system. It would especially harm rural voters, elderly voters, and voters with disabilities.

Please reject this bill, which serves no positive purpose and would harm many people in our state.

Thank you for your consideration.

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