

OPPOSED PARTY TESTIMONY OF:  
Sheryl McMillen  
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Chairwoman Roegner, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Blackshear, and members of the General Government Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Sheryl McMillen. I am a lifelong resident of Ohio. I am strongly opposed to Senate Bill 293.

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](#)).

The existing 4-day acceptance period doesn't extend the time eligible Ohio voters can cast a ballot; it's simply a mail delivery window to ensure ballots from eligible voters are counted.

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.

This bill would be especially harmful to rural voters, senior citizens, Ohioans with disabilities and voters without reliable transportation.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this harmful bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.