

February 21, 2021

Testimony in **opposition** to HJ 58 Resolution Proposing a State Constitutional Amendment to Allow No-Excuse Absentee Voting

Dear GAE Committee,

I am strongly **opposed** to allowing no-excuse absentee voting. I believe sending absentee ballot request letters to all registered voters is creating a situation ripe for fraud. The voter rolls were not cleaned up prior to this mass mailing last year, the proper chain of custody was not followed and signatures were not compared to the original signature on the registration form on file.

I would propose the following guidelines to ensure voter integrity:

- 1) Ballot harvesting would be checked so that no one could have a ballot other than their own or their immediate family.
- 2) Ballot request letters should not be sent en masse: only voters asking for a ballot would receive one.
- 3) Vote by mail requests must be made each election year.
- 4) Vote by mail ballots signatures must match the most recent signature on file.
- 5) Political parties and candidates must be permitted to observe the signature matching process.
- 6) Supervisors of Elections must report how many ballots have been requested, how many have been received and finally how many are left to be counted by 9PM election night.

Thank you,

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