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**Re: SUPPORT LCO 3576, AAC Absentee Voting at the 2020 State Election and Election Day Registration**

Dear Co-chair Flexer, Co-chair Fox, Vice Chair Haskell, Vice Chair Winkler, Ranking Member Sampson, and Ranking Member France, and Honorable Members of the GAE Committee,

Please accept this testimony in SUPPORT of LCO 3576.

Please modify the language as needed to ensure that any physical ballot boxes are kept in place. With the unpredictability of Covid-19, we may need them for the foreseeable future, so there is no sense in wasting time and money by removing them, only to reinstall them again next year, and the year after that, etc. Better yet, please move to get no-excuse absentee voting on the ballot for a constitutional amendment. Thirty-four states already allow no-excuse absentee ballots.

We all should be able to agree that polling places must be safe, that elections are safe from foreign interference, and that elections are accessible for every voter. No one should risk their health in order to exercise their right to vote.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

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