

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to express my total opposition to the heavily promoted idea of all-in mail-in voting. I feel that this virus pandemic is unfortunately providing fodder for proponents of this idea to intimidate citizens to comply with this method of voting through fear and panic inducement. If people can go to Walmart, Target and Home Depot, there is absolutely NO reason able bodied people can't go to the polls to vote on Election Day. As an American citizen I have the right and distinct privilege of rendering a single vote for my candidate of choice without any interference or fraud to distort my precious vote.

Mail-in voting comes with a high risk of fraud. Ballots can be lost, stolen, signatures forged, harvested by criminals wanting to profit per vote. How do you prove voter eligibility using this system? What are the guarantees that the voter registration lists are clean and up to date? I read of an instance in another state where a politician used a voter registration list to pound the pavement only to find empty lots, people who declared themselves ineligible to vote, addresses with multiple names and post office boxes. I've even heard of people using their dogs' names to vote. How will you prevent these injustices?

I'm in favor of offering verified absentee ballots to American citizens who simply are not able for whatever reason (military, disabled, away for legitimate reasons, even medically compromised people who fear Covid for now) to vote on Election Day. Going to the polls provides a direct level of integrity without too many compromising middlemen to obfuscate this delicate process. Each American citizen, born or naturalized has a duty, the right and a privilege to render ONE vote and one vote only! Put on a mask if need be and go to the polls to clearly identify oneself to the poll worker, fill out your PAPER ballot, drop it in the scanning box and be proud to call yourself an American with a free voice to choose who should govern.

Please use some common sense and maintain the integrity of our vote.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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