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Dear Members of the Government Affairs & Elections Committee,

I write in support of expanded access to the use of absentee ballot voting during this current health crisis for both the primary on August 11 and for the general election on November 3.

Voting is a fundamental right. Citizens should be able to exercise our right without fear of risking our health and safety. As this public health crisis continues through the summer and possibly through the fall, no one should have to put oneself in harm's way just to cast a ballot. Expanded absentee balloting is a sensible solution.

I have faith in the expertise of our Secretary of State and our local registrars to carefully plan and carry out an expanded absentee balloting system, along with in-person voting for those who choose. Any new approach in our elections process is never easy, but if the necessary work is done, it is feasible and doable.

Thank you for your listening session today and for addressing this important issue.

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