

Email Subject: No excuse
Email Sender: Leslie Renjilian
Email Sent: 2024-02-27

Email Body:

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Sincerely,

Leslie Renjilian
xxxxxxxxx
Atlanta, GA 30306

Email Subject: Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Jordan Frechtman
Email Sent: 2024-02-27

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Sincerely,

A Concerned Voter,

Jordan Frechtman

Email Subject: Excuse-only absentee ballots please
Email Sender: Diane Cox
Email Sent: 2024-02-25

Email Body:

The easiest way to cheat is using absentee ballots. Voter rolls expand before an election and go down after. Dirty voter rolls and the use of the subversive ERIC organization makes it easy for electronic manipulation of ballots. Excuse-only will greatly reduce the chance for cheating. Please call on the GA legislature to change the law. Getting rid of drop-boxes is a good thing too.
Sent from my iPad

Email Subject: REMOVE NO EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING!!
Email Sender: Tod Rubin
Email Sent: 2024-02-17

Email Body:

Dear GA Election Board:

PLEASE VOTE TO REMOVE NO EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING!!

Georgia has been an embarrassment regarding our election process over the past few years. We have allegedly made significant reforms and improvements, yet that remains to be seen. To be even more vigilant in making the process, fair, transparent and to minimize fraud, you must vote to remove this form of absentee voting. No excuse absentee voting promotes the following:

- it increases the risk of fraud.
- it delays election results.
- ballots are too important to send through the mail.

- there is no effective way for election officials to ensure that mail-in ballots are not requested fraudulently.
- in person voting at the local precinct can be observed and monitored by the poll workers and poll watchers.

Please consider the sanctity of this most fundamental American value and do what you are tasked with doing, that being managing and ensuring a fair, honest and safe election process for the taxpayer and voting citizens of Georgia.

Thank you for your efforts!!

Tod and Leslie Rubin
Marietta, GA

Email Subject: Please Ban No Excuse Absentee Voting in GA!
Email Sender: Stephjo88
Email Sent: 2024-02-16

Email Body:

Georgia State Board of Elections:

No Excuse Absentee Voting may have been necessary during the pandemic. But now that is in the past!
Please ONLY Let the voters who truly need the absentee ballot obtain one! That is how it was done just a few years back.
By mass mailing out ballots, our elections become compromised!

- it increases the risk of fraud
- it delays election results,
- ballots are too important to send through the mail. Too many hands are on them! No way to track the chain of custody.

- there is no effective way for election officials to ensure that mail-in ballots are not requested fraudulently.
- some bad actors may collect and fill in the ballots for unsuspecting citizens! Some offer money to do so!
- in person voting at the local precinct can be observed and monitored by the poll workers and poll watchers.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important matter.
Sincerely,
Stephanie Joseph
East Cobb GA

Sent from Proton Mail for iOS

Email Subject: Dr. Jan Johnston Proposal
Email Sender: Tracy
Email Sent: 2024-02-16

Email Body:

Dear Board Members,

I ask that you please approve Dr. Jan Johnston's proposal. We really need to reign in absentee voting in Georgia, and this is a good start.

Thsnk you,

Tracy Collins

Email Subject: No-excuse absentee voting.
Email Sender: BubbleHead731
Email Sent: 2024-02-16

Email Body:

I support the proposal by Dr. Jan Johnston to consider removing or amending the No-excuse Absentee Voting.

Michael D Wynn (BubbleHead731)
Douglasville.

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Ballot
Email Sender: Robert Duffy
Email Sent: 2024-02-15

Email Body:

Please do not vote in favor of this further weakening of the voting process. We the voting public continue to be frustrated by the lack of control on voting and this will only further exacerbate the perception of impropriety in elections.

Email Subject: No excuse mail in ballots
Email Sender: Connie Doster
Email Sent: 2024-02-15

Email Body:

Stop no excuse mail in ballots completely.

Email Subject: REMOVAL OF NO-EXCUSES ABSENTEE VOTE
Email Sender: Martha
Email Sent: 2024-02-15

Email Body:

Sent from my iPad
To Whom ii May Concern;
Addressing this issue at this juncture is the astute method of approaching an issue which would eliminate the level of FRUD we have experience. If our votes sincerely count, then let's do all within our power to maintain integrity. I support the removal of the no-excuse vote..

Thank you,
Martha Macon-Gee

Email Subject: Election
Email Sender: Tommy Sweet
Email Sent: 2024-02-15

Email Body:

Good morning.
My name is Tommy Sweet. I live in Georgia and want to have fair elections. We do not need "no excuse absentee voting". Please make sure this does not happen.
Thank you.

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Email Subject: VOTING
Email Sender: Barbara Deckard
Email Sent: 2024-02-15

Email Body:

Hello,

As a concerned citizens of the state of Georgia, the only way to VOTE should be on voting day, with paper ballot, showing proof of Photo ID voter registration and citizenship.

I am just saying what I believe should be protocol and laws of Georgia voting.

Thank You
A concerned Georgia citizens voter and USA citizen.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Email Subject: Public Comment
Email Sender: Denise Ruben
Email Sent: 2024-02-15

Email Body:

Greetings
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to eliminate "no-excuse" absentee voting in Georgia. This change represents a step backward in our state's commitment to democratic principles by significantly limiting the accessibility of voting for all Georgians, especially for the most vulnerable populations among us.
The ability to vote absentee without needing to provide an excuse is not just a matter of convenience; it is a critical component of ensuring that every eligible voter can participate in our democracy. By requiring voters to fit into narrowly defined categories to qualify for absentee voting, we risk disenfranchising countless individuals. This includes those with unpredictable work schedules, parents and caregivers without access to childcare, individuals without reliable transportation, and those who are simply unable to stand in line at polling places due to health concerns or physical limitations.
Furthermore, the impact of such restrictions disproportionately affects the poor and disenfranchised communities, exacerbating existing inequalities and undermining the fairness of our electoral process. Voting should be accessible to all, regardless of one's socioeconomic status or physical abilities.
The recent pandemic has demonstrated the importance of flexible voting options, with "no-excuse" absentee voting enabling participation despite unprecedented challenges. Reverting to more restrictive rules now ignores the lessons learned and disregards the needs of the public.
I urge the State Election Board and the General Assembly to reconsider this proposal and to work towards expanding voter access, not restricting it. Democracy thrives when all voices are heard, and every vote counts. Let us not move in a direction that silences those voices most in need of amplification.
Peace and Power

Don't Stop when you're TIRED. STOP when you're DONE.

Email Subject: Notice and Demand for Elections Prescribed by the People and Immediate Corrective Measures
Email Sender: Susan Strevens
Email Sent: 2024-02-14

Email Body:

To: Georgia State Election Board Members

To: State Legislature

To: County Election Board
To: State Supreme Court
To: Federal Congress
To: Federal Supreme Court
Notice and Demand for Elections Prescribed by the People
and Immediate Corrective Measures

I, Susan Strevens, one of the People (as seen in the xxxxxxxxate Constitutions), Sui Juris, do provide you with following notice that you and your agents may provide immediate due care;
Please take notice that the People have assembled together, consulted peaceably by right, and realized that our servants in every state as well as the federal government, have often been led to believe that they are generating the basic rules and terms of elections. However, We the People are the general and foundational law that must be followed with exact due regard; And
Please take notice that John Locke, a father of fundamental law in America, explains that if servants change the way of elections, that those are not considered valid elections (see evidence below):
John Locke in "Two Treatises of Government" Dissolution of Government Section 216
216. Thirdly, when, by the arbitrary power of the prince, the electors or ways of election are altered without the consent and contrary to the common interest of the people, there also the legislative is altered. For if others than those whom the society hath authorised thereunto do choose, or in another way than what the society hath prescribed, those chosen are not the legislative appointed by the people.
Please take notice that I, as one of the People, demand that all public servants immediately return back to the foundational State and Federal election laws as seen in the constitutions. Please take further notice that it is the will of the People that you correct all errors in action that do not conform to the written constitutions, and to give you notice that it is the intent of the People to nullify all elections that do not meet the form prescribed by the People as is their guaranteed right (see evidence below):
John Locke in "Two Treatises of Government" Dissolution of Government Section 220
220. In these, and the like cases, when the government is dissolved, the people are at liberty to provide for themselves by erecting a new legislative differing from the other by the change of persons, or form, or both, as they shall find it most for their safety and good. For the society can never, by the fault of another, lose the native and original right it has to preserve itself, which can only be done by a settled legislative and a fair and impartial execution of the laws made by it. But the state of mankind is not so miserable that they are not capable of using this remedy till it be too late to look for any. To tell people they may provide for themselves by erecting a new legislative, when, by oppression, artifice, or being delivered over to a foreign power, their old one is gone, is only to tell them they may expect relief when it is too late, and the evil is past cure. This is, in effect, no more than to bid them first be slaves, and then to take care of their liberty, and, when their chains are on, tell them they may act like free men. This, if barely so, is rather mockery than relief, and men can never be secure from tyranny if there be no means to escape it till they are perfectly under it; and, therefore, it is that they have not only a right to get out of it, but to prevent it.
Please take notice that the People are wishing to see a repentance when it comes to the errors of their servants and you carry out the law in a lawful manner. However, the People know that you are simply servants, and that fundamental law, as well as state constitutions declare our right to solve all issues of compliance by removal of all actors in office or by altering and changing our constitutions to stop any further encroachments against the contracts you swore to abide by.

_____Autograph 02-06-202_____Date

Email Subject: Remove/amend no excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Kendra M. Foltz Biegalski
Email Sent: 2024-02-14

Email Body:

Dear SEB,

I support the proposition to remove no excuse absentee voting. Absentee ballots are the least secure method of

voting - both for the voter and for the state due to the exposure of a voter's signature, the many hands that it must passed through on its way to be processed, as well as no ability to verify the ballot is truly associated with a registered voter. If a voter is going to be on travel or cannot get to polls due to health, then they should be given the opportunity to vote absentee. Otherwise, it is best for voters to vote in person with a photo ID.

Thank you,

Kendra M. Foltz Biegalski
xxxxxxx
Atlanta, GA 30345
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Voting
Email Sender: rita rudzinski
Email Sent: 2024-02-14

Email Body:

Please vote to allow everyone to vote by absentee. 36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.

Email Subject: SEB ACTION - I'm TOTALLY AGAINST THIS CRUEL INTENDED ACT
Email Sender: HAFEEZA MAJEED
Email Sent: 2024-02-14

Email Body:

I am EAGER to respond so that my voice can be heard. Because of my work schedule, I wasn't able to participate in the online call, HOWEVER, I WANT TO DO WHATEVER I CAN TO STOP THIS ACTION. IT IS A HORROR !!

Please let me know HOW I CAN RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION.

I have called the Fulton County Elections Office, but the phone lines have been breached. I have called the Office of the Governor, and I have been told I have to call the Fulton County Elections Office, but the phone lines don't work.

Please contact me to let me know HOW TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION.

Thank you,
Hafeeza B. Majeed

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S21 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone
Get Outlook for Android

Email Subject: Election integrity
Email Sender: Susan King
Email Sent: 2024-02-14

Email Body:

Thank you for listening to my concerns regarding election integrity. Here is a list of solutions that I pray you will pursue.

1. Hand-marked paper ballots on watermarked paper
2. Counted by hand in the precinct and video recorded.
3. No machines
4. No drop boxes
5. Mail in ballots for military overseas dignitaries.
6. Same day voting. Same day counting.

Sincerely,

Susan King

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Re: Integrity
Email Sender: wanda ligon
Email Sent: 2024-02-14

Email Body:

Thank you.

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone

On Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 1:20 PM, Beth Mercure <xxxx@xxxx> wrote:
Georgia State Election Board,

A couple definitions to help you uphold your Oath to the State of Georgia.

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All are a civil rights violation.

The only way to honor the definitions given you above - hand count the paper.

Properly certify.

Contain the corruption with integrity.

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: No excuse request for absentee ballot
Email Sender: Melba Hill-paschal
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

My name is Melba Hill- Paschal. I am a 82 yo senior who lives in a senior community. I have volunteered in the past 4 elections to help my neighbors and other seniors to get to the polls to vote. Many due to their age and physical challenges don't drive any more. Many don't have family available to take them during the day due to work schedules.

In order to do their civic duty which is very important to them, absentee ballots are the only way. Please consider not eliminating no excuse absentee voting. Do the right thing for all seniors!

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Preserve no excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Kathryn Harris
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Dear Board Members,

Please do not go back in time and eliminate no excuse absentee voting!

This is regressive and will work a hardship on voters of all stripes, negatively affecting Republicans, Democrats and Independents equally.

It's also anti-democratic in that will suppress voting in general.

Kathryn Harris,

Greene County Board of Elections
Greensboro GA

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: End No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: melinda Crawley
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Vote "No" - on the no excuse absentee ballots. Un-secure chain of custody and violation of voter's "secret vote"are at issue. Voter fraud has gone unchecked in Ga.

Sent from Mail for Windows

Email Subject: Legislative Proposal
Email Sender: Nancy Arnold
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

The proposal by Board Member, Dr. Jan Johnston, asking the legislature to remove or amend no-excuse absentee voting is excellent.
I'd prefer that the no-excuse absentee vote be totally removed. "No-excuse" gives opportunity for fraud. Secure elections should be the top priority.

Nancy Arnold
xxx-xxx-xxxx
www.xxxxx.xxxxx.xxx

Email Subject: Re: Integrity
Email Sender: Mike Judge
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

GOOD!

Sent from my iPhone

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> Sent from my iPhone

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Email Sender: Jan Douglas
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Janet and Jerry Douglas, Blueridge GA
A Concerned Voter

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Email Sent: 2024-02-13

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Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Keeping elections fair
Email Sender: Elaine Yeatman
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

To whom it may concern,
I am a resident of Maryland and my name is Elaine Yeatman. I have been following the events that have been happening in Georgia. I am pleading with you to do what is needed to keep elections fair. It is necessary that when issues arise that show a deceptive process everything must be done to correct the problems. I am praying that the Lord would bring wisdom and discernment to you as you eradicate any type of cheating within the election process. It would be wise to have same day voting, voter ID, and the use of electronic machines would stop. Thank you for holding the positions that you have and the work that you are doing. And I pray that your efforts in cleaning up the nonsense will result in fair and just elections going forward.

Sincerely,
Elaine Yeatman

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: William Huff
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Dear All,

No excuse absentee voting needs to be removed from Georgia elections.

It is a known fact that it breeds rampant fraud in our elections, which dilutes everyone's vote.

Best regards,
William Huff
Peachtree City, Ga.

Email Subject: No Excuse mail-in ballot PLEASE
Email Sender: beth gregory
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Liz Gregory, a concerned voter

Email Subject: Please do not end no excuse absentee voting in Georgia
Email Sender: Deborah Hill
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

This is nothing other than voter suppression. My husband and I are both appalled that this bill is even being considered. We will double down our support for the Democrats as we are fed up with your extremism.

Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.

Deborah and Peter Hill
xxxxxxxxxx
Atlanta, Ga 30305

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: John Quinn
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

 Please consider my attached letter.

Email Subject: Please stop Bill HB 206 in Georgia
Email Sender: Susan Canelli
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Please stop Bill HB 206 in Georgia as it is an intrusion to citizens private property rights, not voted on by constituents, and claiming "it is an essential function of and for the government " to place an infrastructure eminent domain upon its people. Using the ruse of the Green New Deal. The claim is that this bill does not use public funding, but the text of the bill disagrees. The bill explicitly mentions the use of public funds for private property improvements in the context of financing qualifying improvements, including energy efficiency, water conservation, renewable energy, and resiliency improvements on private properties. Lines xxx-xxx-xxxx claim it to be an "essential government function" for public funds to be used in this manner. Lines xxx-xxx-xxxxicitly lay out how public funds may be used saying that counties and municipalities may furnish funds to aid in these endeavors. In lines 346-396 it even discusses the authority for imposing assessments.

A very concerned citizen

Email Subject: Fair elections
Email Sender: Amy Speer
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Elections in Georgia have been, for sure recently, to be a major source of distrust within the populace. Sure, there are plenty of other areas that need overhaul, but making our elections in Georgia not only fair, transparent and reliable in reality but also within the minds of the voting public should be priority one.

Here are my requirements for that to happen for me, personally, and most likely for all other responsible voters in our state:

- 1) SAME-DAY, IN-PERSON voting with only a few exceptions to use mail-in ballots
- 2) PICTURE VOTER ID, with physical verifiable addresses.
- 3) PAPER BALLOTS, no machines, whether with or without Internet access.

Elected officials are supposed to have the best interests of their constituency as their PRIMARY FOCUS.

PROVE IT.

Amy Speer

Email Subject: Public comment
Email Sender: Janet gannon
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

As Trump has stated many times, we need hand-marked paper ballots on water-marked paper, counted by hand in the precinct and video recorded, so no cheating! No machines! We need this for our upcoming elections. Thank you- Janet Gannon, GA voter from Sandy Springs

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Vote by mail
Email Sender: Jan Noll
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Please continue to allow vote by mail. If we truly believe in democracy and that everyone's voice matters, then anything to make it easier to vote is imperative. For parents young children to the elderly to shift workers, we should not hesitate to encourage vote by mail. CO has been doing this for years with great success.

In addition, this reduces the number of poll workers needed and with the increased threats to public servants, all the more reason to encourage voting by mail.
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING PROPOSAL IS VOTER SUPPRESSION
Email Sender: Winfrey Young
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

As a voter, tax payer, business owner, community activist and volunteer, and a mother, I'm expressing FULL objection to the proposal put forth by Dr. Janice Johnston. To vote is our right. Our so-called leadership is supposed to support and protect their constituents. The Johnston proposal is nothing but veiled voter suppression. Why are "We the People" still dealing with these tactics in the year 2024? Stop trying to find ways to keep us from convenient voting. Do your jobs to protect our rights instead of finding underhanded ways to erase them!
L. Winfrey Young

Winfrey Young
(c) xxx-xxx-xxxx

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Email Subject: Public Comment re: proposal for the General Assembly no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Natalie Crawford
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Dear Chairman Fervier,

Please find attached our public comment on the Proposal for the General Assembly to end no-excuse absentee voting.

Thank you, nc

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<XXXX.XXX>
Natalie Crawford
Executive Director, Georgia First
XXX-XXX-XXXX
XXXXX.XXX
XXXX@XXXX

<XXXX.XXX> <XXXX.XXX> <XXXX.XXX>

Email Subject: GA Voting Suggestions
Email Sender: Bruce Hill
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

1. Elections should be done on paper ballots. Too many ways to subvert the computers.
2. No mail in voting/drop boxes. I've seen the videos from the documentary 2000 Mules. Democrats abused this and no one did anything about it even with video of it. Plus, there were counties that either didn't have camera/video of it or deleted the videos which is against the law.
3. All votes counted on the same day. It's always been that way, so don't understand why it happens now. IF Argentina and France can count every paper ballot for their national vote, Georgia can do it too.
4. There must be reps from both parties at polling centers. If not, then there will continue to be corruption.
5. ID to vote must be enforced at ALL Polling stations.

Probably the most important one is ENFORCE EXISTING ELECTION LAWS. Make the steps readily known and available to all on what recourse there is when a law is broken on election day. If someone reports a potential election violation, there should be immediate action the same day it's reported. Someone should be able to pick up the phone and call an election enforcement official. The longer we wait to enforce law, the more likely we are to never see justice. People that break election laws MUST be prosecuted or they will continue to negate the honest tax payer's vote.

Thank you for listening

Bruce Hill
Cobb County

Email Subject: Please vote no to eliminate no excuse voting
Email Sender: Margaret Blackmon
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Dear members of the state board of elections,

I am 82 years old and writing to urge you to vote "no" on eliminating no excuse voting. I have always gone to the polls, but I do not want to lose the opportunity to have no excuse absentee voting.

For almost 20 years, we in Georgia have been able to vote absentee. This sends a strong message to Georgians that voting is important, and that all citizens should participate.

Why would we move backwards and discourage Georgians from voting?
I do not want other Americans around the country to see Georgia as a backward state!

Please respect those of us who are older, and may need to use no excuse absentee voting some of the time.

Margaret Van Deman Blackmon
xxx-xxx-xxxx
xxxx@xxxx
xxxxxxxxx #1004
Atlanta GA 30319

Email Subject:
Email Sender: Naomi Salberg
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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Naomi Salberg, CHWC, CPT, CSNS

BEYOND THE PUSHUP

From "I Will" to "I DID!"

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Email Sender: Sarah Thompson
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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Very respectfully,

Sarah Thompson
Bulloch County Citizen
xxx-xxx-xxxx

See attached:

ORR 23-475
Email between GRP, INC General Counsel and GASOS General Counsel
Infographic regarding known circumstances

Letter from "State Chairman" McKoon to the "State Committee"

Email Subject: Oppose the elimination of no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Judith Greenberg
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

I strongly oppose the elimination of no-excuse absentee voting. • Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.
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I am a very concerned voter.

Judith Greenberg, PhD
Decatur, GA

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Email Sender: Steven Mangold
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

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Email Subject: Excuse Only - Absentee Mail-In Ballot
Email Sender: Laurie Wood

Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Good morning Board Members,

I would respectfully request that the consideration(s) for Absentee Mail-In Ballots be limited to excuse only.

This is an open door for fraud that has been reported in the past similar to the drop boxes across the State (which has been limited).

If people can stand in line to shop, attend concerts, sports events they can spend time in line to vote. For those that are homebound and of sound mind, traveling for business, albeit we have 15 days of early voting which many could exercise.

My vote needs to be secure and it needs to count and not eliminated by any means intentional or non-intentional.

One Day Voting - Paper Ballots - NO ELECTRONIC equipment.

Respectfully requested,
Laurie Wood - Forsyth County GA

Email Subject: Securing Georgia's Elections
Email Sender: Jeremy Wood
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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Thank you for volunteering your time to serve our state. As you know, former President Jimmy Carter wrote in a 2005 report of the Commission on Federal Election Reform that, 'Absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud.' Today, ballots and election materials are mailed without any form of tracking to ensure delivery to the intended party. Law firms use process servers to ensure delivery of important documents and, if you were going to mail \$1,000 in cash to someone, you would definitely send it by United States Postal Service return receipt request or Restricted Delivery. In 2022, candidates for the Georgia U.S. Senate race spent \$870,000,000 or \$170 for each of Georgia's 5 million voters. Our ballots are not only sacred, they are worth money and they should be protected.

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We must ensure secure elections and this is one small step in that direction. Thank you again for your service to the voters of Georgia.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Wood

Email Subject: Absentee voting
Email Sender: Martin Nathan
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Please do not make absentee voting more limited. We should be making it easier to vote, not harder. I believe voting makes citizens feel more invested in their democracy.

If and when there is even a modicum of absentee voting fraud — proven in lawsuits rather mere assertions — I'll certainly change my recommendation.

Marty Nathan

xxxx@xxxx

"And the only people I fear,
are those who never have doubts."
- Billy Joel, Shades of Gray

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Email Sender: Anita Marie
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Email Sender: Dawn Marie Gray
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

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Records indicate that a corporation organized under Title 14 of the OCGA is preparing to once again qualify candidates identifying as Republican in Camden County. It is my understanding as I read Title 21 of the OCGA that only authorized county committees have the right to legally qualify candidates. In Georgia, 31 other counties are experiencing this same challenge. I request that you send an urgent message to the counties' Board of Elections directing them to qualify all Republican candidates where there is a corporation asserting the right to qualify and gain access to the qualifying fees of the candidates.

Dawn Gray
Camden County Voter

Email Subject: Absentee Voting - needs to be strict reasons
Email Sender: tedm generic
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

I've heard the SEB is to consider making rules about absentee ballots.

Maybe even today.

The threshold for absentee voting must be narrow, strict, and provide absolute identify verification.

These last elections have been jokes, with lazy excuses and no verifiable voter.

Straighten up, get real, have a backbone.

Voting in the past worked just fine, but these last 4, 8, even 20 years have been

so ridiculous, letting anyone to vote from their couches. If you are normal citizen,

you should value your vote, and make an attempt to vote in person.

And by paper ballot actually.

tedm (Roswell, GA)

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xxxx@xxxx

Occam's razor :
"simpler explanations are,
other things being equal,
generally better than more complex ones"

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Email Subject: comments
Email Sender: Ellyn Jeager
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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2 MLK Jr. Drive
Suite 802 Floyd West Tower
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Email Sender: Ken Stevenson
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting in Georgia. As a concerned citizen deeply committed to democracy and equal access to voting, I urge you to reconsider this proposal, which would make it significantly harder for working families, seniors, students, and many others to exercise their fundamental right to vote.

No-excuse absentee voting has been an essential tool in ensuring that all eligible voters have the opportunity to participate in our democratic process, particularly for those who face barriers to voting in person due to work schedules, caregiving responsibilities, health concerns, or transportation limitations. By eliminating this option, we risk disenfranchising countless individuals and undermining the principles of fairness and inclusivity that are foundational to our democracy.

While this may increase the amount of work on our volunteers, I believe funding this initiative to support those volunteers can be a means to resolving and addressing the larger volume of work placed on those who volunteer to administer voting ballots.

It is essential to recognize that making voting more accessible benefits everyone. By facilitating greater participation, we strengthen the legitimacy of our electoral outcomes and ensure that elected officials truly represent the diverse voices and perspectives of our communities. Furthermore, expanding access to voting is a crucial step towards building a more equitable and inclusive society.

As stewards of our electoral system, I urge the Georgia Board of Elections to prioritize the needs of working families and other marginalized groups by rejecting any measures that would restrict access to the ballot box. Instead, I encourage you to explore ways to enhance and expand voting options, including early voting, mail-in balloting, and other forms of remote participation.

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Sincerely, Kenyatta Stevenson
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: P H MILLER
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Dear Election Board.

The heart of our democracy, the right to vote, is under threat in Georgia. I oppose a proposal at the State Election Board (SEB) to eliminate "No Excuse Absentee Voting" aka Vote by Mail that aims to strip away a vital voting provision, threatening democratic engagement as we approach the 2024 Presidential election.

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Vote by mail used to be so much easier and I have used absentee ballot voting for years.

I miss the well placed Drop Boxes. Now I have to mail my ballot if I can even get a ballot.

It is harder to get a ballot. Please oppose bills that make it harder to vote. Thank you.

Phyllis Miller

Email Subject: No new restrictions on absentee voting

Email Sender: Ronda Fox

Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

It is absolutely necessary that we make voting easy and remove obstacles for our citizens to exercise their democratic, right.

No excuse absentee voting has been a hallmark of our state's voting procedure for many years. It needs to remain in place.

Ronda Fox

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Atlanta ga xxxxx

Email Subject: Public comments

Email Sender: davis728

Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

When considering eliminating no excuse absentee ballots please bear in mind that medical personnel usually work 12 hour shifts. When I was in the hospital a couple weeks ago the nurse had 90 minute drive each way. Also pollworkers and watchers dont always work in their precinct and would have to make other arrangements. Emergency personnel also usually work 12 hour shifts. Truckdrivers amd pilots are gone varied times and voting early may not be something they can do.

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with Sec. Raffensperger doing nothing to correct the problem is indicative of his refusal tp do his job. Attached.

Sent from my Galaxy

Email Subject: Public Comment - No Excuse Absentee Ballot Voting
Email Sender: Julie Kegley
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Via Email at xxxx@xxxx and Regular Mail

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Email Subject: Keep "No Excuse" Absentee Voting

Email Sender: uku bosworthh
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Elections Board,

Under current Georgia law, no excuse absentee voting includes checks of the voter’s identity. It must not be eliminated or further restricted. Please do not pass rules to make voting any harder than it already is. Keep “No Excuse” absentee voting.

Sincerely, Paula Bosworth

Paula

Email Subject: "No excuses" absentee voting
Email Sender: Steven Pruett
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

As a retired GA voter, i highly value the absentee voting process as it stands today.
When I move to another house, I do not need to fight against "red tape" when I go to vote.
We have moved 3 times here in GA, and i want to keep my continuous voting record of over 50 years!
Steven Pruett, MD
Cherry Log xxxxx

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: CathyJunkMail
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

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Cathy O'Brien

Email Subject: REJECT PROPOSAL TO END NO EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING
Email Sender: Lauren Rich
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

I was just informed that you -- the election board -- the people who are SUPPOSED to safeguard the vote in Georgia -- are considering eliminating no excuse absentee voting. ARE YOU KIDDING? Do you want to make sure that the following groups of people do NOT vote, or that you institute BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE to impede their opportunity to vote:

- the elderly
- the homebound
- those who are concerned about contracting Covid
- people with weak immune systems
- those who have no transportation to get to the polls
- any other GA residents who cannot get to the polls

YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KIDDING! How many state employees will you have to hire to administer the BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE you want to institute in order to qualify for absentee voting? How much will it cost Georgia taxpayers if you institute this voter suppression mechanism? Why are you SO AFRAID of voter turnout via absentee voting?

You have plenty of ways to make sure people who do absentee voting are actually who they say they are. Use what you ALREADY have in place. Do NOT -- I repeat -- do NOT -- adopt the proposal to end absentee voting. The individual who proposed this should be ashamed of herself!

Sincerely, Lauren Rich

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Lauren Rich
Atlanta, GA

Email Subject: fair and secure elections
Email Sender: Tommy Gentry
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

we all know that the last election was stolen..i know lots of people saying they will not vote any more as long as the dominion voting machines are used and the mail in ballots are used by people that are not necessary...we all have seen the voting rolls with towns having more people on the voting rolls than are living in the towns... please do something to restore trust in our elections so this cannot happen again...look what is in the whitehouse because of it now...a senile old person that never left their basement...no way he got more votes than any person in history...it just doesnt happen that way...we have seen the drop boxes where the same person dropping of boxes of ballots on each trip...DO SOMETHING.
thanks for listening.
tommyg

Email Subject: SEB meetings
Email Sender: Enid Alexander
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Please advise if the meetings will only occur quarterly, starting in May of next his year.

Please advise if the only format of the meeting will be virtual and not in person.

Regards
Enid Alexander
xxxxxxxxx
Marietta, GA. xxxxx

Email Subject: Eliminate no excuse absentee ballot
Email Sender: Marguerite Peg Davidson
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Dear SEB Member,

I am in agreement with Dr. Johnston's recommendation of going back to (pre-2009) policy of reserving the use of absentee ballots for U.S. military and citizens who are out of the country on election day.

Thank you,

Marguerite P Davidson
Tiger, GA. xxxxx

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: susan smith
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

I am against restricting absentee voting to only those who can provide a "valid" excuse. All Georgians who are eligible to vote should be able to apply for an absentee ballot without having to have their reason approved.

Email Subject: Georgia elections
Email Sender: Kate Godar
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Georgia State Elections Board members:

Thank you for volunteering your time to serve our state. As you know, former President Jimmy Carter wrote in a 2005 report of the Commission on Federal Election Reform that, 'Absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud.' Today, ballots and election materials are mailed without any form tracking to ensure delivery to the intended party. Law firms use process servers to ensure delivery of important documents and, if you were going to mail \$1,000 in cash to someone, you would definitely send it by United States Postal Service return receipt request or Restricted Delivery. In 2022, candidates for the Georgia U.S. Senate race spent \$870,000,000 or \$170 for each of Georgia's 5 million voters. Our ballots are not only sacred, they are worth money and they should be protected.

Please eliminate no excuse absentee by mail voting and require that all elector registration materials be sent with USPS tracking and ballots ONLY BE SENT BY USPS RESTRICTED DELIVERY.

We must ensure secure elections and this is one small step in that direction. Thank you again for your service to the voters of Georgia.

Sincerely,
Kate Godar

Email Subject: Absentee voting.
Email Sender: Gary Smith
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Please stop this attempt totake away ourvoting rights. The reasons cited in the proposal are lies inflating any problems with the voting process. This is another blatant attempt to disenfranchise a aegment of the population. Instead of making it easier the board is set on on making it harder to vote. Leave the absentee voting process alone.

GARY SMITH,,
Johnns Ceeek, GA.

Email Subject: Request to Maintain Current Absentee Voting Rules
Email Sender: Ozie Adams
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Dear Sir's,

I urge you to refrain from altering the existing absentee voting regulations.

Based on both my personal experience and that of my neighbors, these rules have streamlined the voting process and enhanced our ability to express our opinions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Ozie Adams

Email Subject: I support proposal removing or amending no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: handmaid
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Greetings,
I just wanted to share my support for the proposal for removing or amending no-excuse absentee voting. The movie 2000 mules is a prime example of the problems that can occur in an environment of no-excuse absentee voting. Absentee ballots that do not follow form of law are often linked to voter roll entries that do not follow form of law and when this occurs in an election, this is maladministration.

Please take notice that under the authority of GA.C. Art. I Sec. 2 Par. II the People have the right to contest the certification of an election in the State of Georgia due to lawful form not being followed. Be advised the People of the State have the right to elections that are to be free from impairment.

Please take notice that the State of Georgia shall comply with 52 U.S.C. Section 20507, O.C.G.A 21-2-231, and all state laws "not inconsistent with the state constitution and not repugnant of the United States Constitution" when generating voter registration for the state or the management of the People's elections. Inter alia, the eligibility or ineligibility of the voter is paramount to a pure election and the duties of the State of Georgia. When ineligibility occurs, the Board of Registrars or the State of Georgia shall remove such names from the registrars immediately to ensure a pure election. (Note evidence below)

The Voter Rolls Must be accurate (National Voter Registration Act, 1993)
Votes Counted Must be from eligible Voters (US Constitution).
The number of ballots counted must equal the number of voters who voted.
There can be no more than one in 125,000 ballots in error by the voting system (Help America Vote Act, 2002)

Please take notice that the County Board of Elections and the State of Georgia have engaged in maladministration by not updating the electors on the current GA voter roll database. Maladministration alters the results of any primary or general or runoff election for all candidates. Lawful form is not being followed during our elections. Be advised ignorance of the law constitutes a crime although ignorance does not excuse public officials from knowing the law. (Note evidence below)

Where the law prescribes a form, the nonobservance of it is fatal to the proceeding, and the whole becomes a nullity. (Maxims of Law by Charles A. Weisman 46d)
The government is to be subject to the law, for the law makes the government. (Maxims of Law by Charles A. Weisman 51b)
Ignorance of those things which one is bound to know excuses not. (Maxims of Law by Charles A. Weisman 57a)

Thanks,
Christina

Sent with Proton Mail secure email.

Email Subject: Protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: rafer raferjohnson.us
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Dear Election Board,

A valid vote from a registered voter no matter the method should be accepted and counted. Modern Georgia has citizens who have very different lives for both work and play and absentee voting is a way for us to participate without impacting that. As an airline flight attendant for one of our state's largest employers - I cannot guarantee I can do in person voting so this allows me to participate in the process and get my choice heard.

Please keep in place the No-Excuse option.

Yours truly,

Rafer Brendan

Sent from Outlook for iOS

Email Subject: No Mail-in voting
Email Sender: linda hendrix
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

SEB,
Please do away with no excuse mail-in voting! This is a seriously risky voting practice.
Respectfully,
Linda Hendrix

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Susan Britt
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

I firmly am against enacting this law.

Another form of voter supression cannot be made into law. Many elderly people are unable to vote any other way and working people cannot afford to stand in line for countless hours and not get paid just to vote.

We need every citizen to be able to participate in the election process WHICH IS THEIR RIGHT AND CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY.

Sent from Susan's iPhone

Email Subject: Absentee ballots
Email Sender: Sam Carline
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Thank you for serving on this most important board. Today's concern is the very vulnerable "no excuse absentee ballot". Please adopt a process to VERIFY 1.) need 2.)strict identification for recipients 3.) chain of custody. Thank you. Sam Carnline,Grady Co.

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: No excuse voting
Email Sender: Laurie Katz
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

I believe that a bill to get rid of no excuse absentee voting is an attempt to disenfranchise voters, and is therefore a bad bill. We should make it easy and accessible to vote. Having more Georgia citizens engaged in the process is desirable, which is why 35 other states have no excuse absentee ballots.
Laurie Katz
Savannah, GA

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Deloris Bryant-Booker
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

I oppose the move to eliminate no excuse absentee voting aka vote by mail as an option for voting. This provision gives people who may have problems going to the polls the way to cast their ballot ensuring their right to vote. This includes sick or shut ins, elderly people, people who may not have transportation, people who may be out of town on voting day, people who are working. Having this voting option helps to ensure that all eligible voters are able to vote.
Deloris Bryant-Booker
Sent from my iPhone Deloris

Email Subject: Public comment for Feb 13th meeting
Email Sender: Roula AbiSamra
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Amplify Georgia is a collaborative of organizations made up of young people, LGBTQ+ folks, Black women and other people of color, and families working to make ends meet. Alongside advocating on the issues important to our people, we encourage them to get involved in the processes of democracy, starting with the essential right to cast our vote in elections.

We all make our own sacrifices and take time out of our everyday lives to fulfill this civic obligation—and for many of us, those everyday lives are such a balancing act that an unnecessary barrier can put voting out of reach.

We can all agree on the importance of eligible voters getting a real chance to cast their vote. No-excuse absentee voting makes it more possible for a parent to vote when she's able to get childcare; for a student to keep up in class; and for working-class people to still pick up that shift or gig.

We ask the board to maintain and protect access to absentee voting, without adding any hoops and red tape that could shut these voters out of the process. No-excuse absentee voting is popular with voters across the board, and is one of the reasons Georgia leads in efficiency at the polls which is something we can all be proud of.

Thank you,
Roula AbiSamra on behalf of the Amplify Georgia Collaborative

You may receive emails from me outside of your working hours. Respond when appropriate for you.

<xxxx.xxx> Roula AbiSamra | State Campaign Director
Amplify Georgia Collaborative
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Facebook | Twitter | Instagram

Email Subject: secure elections
Email Sender: Frontier-Yahoo Mail
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Keep our elections secure and fair!
Thank you.

Email Subject: Use of No Excuse/Absentee Ballots
Email Sender: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

First, thank you for allowing this public comment opportunity on the use of No Excuse/Absentee ballots in GA.

Second, a bit about myself. I am amongst a long-line of proud GA Steel Magnolias.... lifelong GA resident, just like my mother, Gaynell and my grandmother, Dovie and last but certainly not least, my great grandmother, India (latter 3 died in GA) as will I, "Bury me in GA, underneath the pines!"

I have sincere concerns, alarming concerns about election integrity in my home state of Georgia, beginning with No Excuse ballots, as well as Mail-In ballots, extending through election concerns from citizens (signed

affidavits) ignored by officials and pending litigation in the court systems from Curling vs. Raffensperger to Joseph Rossi & Jack James (SB358, SB2021-181, SEB2023-025, SEBBI2023-001) and lastly, the Halderman report and his live-in-court 'pen' effect!

Many of us who once believed in our county/state process, either have or are losing faith in our system, especially our election process, which should transparently produce trusted election results vs. election confusion/doubt AND our officials are failing us miserably as anyone paying attention can attest to.

We have an ALARMING situation that you can/should/must address to restore the faith of GA citizens in their one voice... their vote!

Please fight the hard fight for election integrity and the citizens of Georgia by making it ALMOST impossible to commit voter/election fraud by closing the loopholes in:
No Excuse/Absentee Ballots
Mail In Ballots
Drop Boxes
Electronic Voting
also... Clean up the Voter Rolls

I would prefer Paper Ballots, 1 Day Voting (exception of military/disabilities) and VOTER ID (proof of citizenship).

We are counting on YOU!!!

Sincerely,
Glenda R. Stephens (& with permission of Gay, Dovie and India)
xxxxxxxxxxw
Lawrenceville, GA xxxxx
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Secure and honest elections! Stand and make it happen
Email Sender: Kathleen Pignoli
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Honorable men and women:
Do the right thing for all Americans!
Cheating has consequences because in the end Justice and truth win!
God Bless America and the great State of Georgia. Be known as a State that knows how to lead with integrity.
Thank you, Kathleen Pignoli

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Public Comment from Cobb County Board of Elections re: SEB Proposal on No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Silas, Tori
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Good evening,
Please see attached letter from the Cobb County Board of Elections & Registration regarding the State Election Board's Proposal on No-Excuse Absentee Voting.

Respectfully,

Tori M. Silas, Esq.

Cobb County Board of Elections

Board Chairman

mobile: xxx-xxx-xxxx

email:xxxx@xxxx

Cobb County Board of Elections and Registration (Cobb BOE) meetings are generally held on the 2nd Monday of each month. Please visit xxxxx://xxxxx/xxxxx for meeting dates and locations and other Cobb BOE information.

Email Subject: Absentee Ballots Comments
Email Sender: Peggy Crain-Hurst
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

I want no excuse absentee ballots gone (except for military, disabled and elderly) but I also understand that powerful forces want mail in ballots to stay in use.
We can make it tougher to cheat by requiring that any BALLOTS mailed be sent with US Postal Service Restricted Delivery - a service that requires identification to be shown to pick up a piece of mail. The US Postal Service charges \$11.65 per delivery -a small cost to pay to safeguard our elections. We also need to have all other election related materials mailed by USPS Informed Delivery.

Thank you,
Peggy Crain Hurst
Kennesaw, Ga

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Omg — Keep Absentee ballots! -Georgia
Email Sender: Katrina Griessman
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Dear Georgia State election Board

It's absurd and a travesty to suggest that I, as a Georgia voter, my 89 yr old mom, husband and my previous voting age college kids should be FORCED to vote in person on Dominion voting machines with QR codes without the option of a PAPER BALLOT/Absentee Ballot option .

Absentee ballots are the only reason i have felt good about my vote being actually counted.

I'm appalled to hear that there is a proposal being made by Dr Johnson to make Absentee Ballots a luxury of sorts.

Please vote No against this shocking new proposal.

Why is this meeting not accepting in person public comments??

Katrina and Jeff Dinkle
Fulton County voters since 1995

Email Subject: Voting rights
Email Sender: RACHAEL Lapaix
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

To Whom It May Concern,

Good morning the purpose of this email is to let you know as a resident of Georgia I am not in favor of you all stripping us of our rights to vote using absentee ballots for example I have a 79 year old mother who has lots of complications and it's easier for her to vote using the absentee ballots than going to a polling station because of her health conditions and I am sure there is a lot more people who are facing similar or same situations, so for that reason I think we the residents of Georgia should be able to continue voting using absentee ballots.

Sincerely,
Rachael Lapaix.

Email Subject: What's the Excuse for "No Excuse" Absentee Voting?
Email Sender: Elena Merino
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

While I am sure you received many emails seeking to remind the Board of the many issues we had in Georgia with mail in ballots, know that both the EAC and CISA have stepped in to address this because of problems found across the country. While I am convinced that many of problems we had with mailed ballots are because our Voter Rolls are not maintained on a real time basis (which they absolutely could be if we were integrated with the various database that provide, at least, monthly updates), unfortunately OCGA § 21-2-233 gives the SOS the authority "to cause at his or her discretion the official list of electors to be compared to the change of address information supplied by the United States Postal Service" and, as I recall, he only does this every other year, on odd number years. As the SOS admitted to True the Vote, yes, tens of thousands of people that received ballots in 2020 were no longer residents of Georgia. Sadly, easy to vote in Georgia, regardless of where you move to, when all you have to do is put your MAIL IN ballot in your mailbox...

Attaching a one pager from CISA addressing cyber and infrastructure risks and a piece by the EAC addressing the other big problem with mailed In ballots—chain of custody. Lists to possibly stop/curtail this start at page 12. All these extensive and costly process and procedures to provide "no excuse" absentee???

Alas, here a compilation of testimonies, in video form, of what happened in GA, AZ and PA with Mail In Ballots. Note the GA video, was presented at the Georgia Senate Committee Hearing: [xxxxx://xxxxx/xxxxx](#)

Time to stop the crazy "no excuse" absentee voting. Thank you.

Elena E. Merino
President/CEO
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Alpharetta, GA xxxxx

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Email Subject: Absentee Ballots
Email Sender: waqueta brown
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

The continued use of Absentee Ballots is imperative. To cancel the privilege of using absentee ballots would disenfranchise the voices of the citizens of Georgia.

To discontinue the use would:

1. Affect the elderly, who use the absentee ballots a means of voting.
2. Affect the sick and shut in, who use the absentee ballots a means of voting.
3. Affect the citizens with no means of transportation, who use the absentee ballots a means of voting.
4. Affect the working class citizens who work long hours to make ends meet, who use the absentee ballots a means of voting.
5. Every citizen has the right to vote effortlessly and that is their right as a citizen of the United States of America.

Email Subject: GA Elections

Email Sender: dmpatriot
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Dear Georgia State Election Board Members:
First and foremost I would like to thank you for volunteering your time to serve our state. I am sure you were not expecting these turbulent times.

Jimmy Carter wrote in a 2005 report of the Commission on Federal Election Reform that, "Absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud." Today, ballots and election materials are mailed without any form for tracking to ensure delivery to the correct recipient. Law firms use process servers to ensure the delivery of important documents and, if you were going to mail \$1,000 in cash to someone, you would definitely send it by US Postal service return receipt requested.

It is appalling that in 2022 candidates for the Georgia US Senate race spend \$870,000,000 or \$170 for each of Georgia's 5 million voters. Our ballots are sacred and they are worth money and should be protected. Our votes are what sets the United States apart from other countries. If we lose our vote we lose our nation.

Please eliminate no excuse absentee by mail voting and require that all elector registration materials be sent with USPS tracking and ballots ONLY BE SENT BY USPS RESTRICTED DELIVERY.

We must ensure elections and this is one small step in that direction. Thank you again for protecting our elections. Once again, thank you for your service to Georgia. I do appreciate it.

Dianna McWhorter

Email Subject: Do NOT remove No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: James Lawton
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Absentee voting is good for democracy and encourages participation. Restricting voting is a desperate attempt by those whose ideas are not popular.

Email Subject: Democracy Demands that Voting be EASY not harder
Email Sender: Diana Hofsommer
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

It has come to my attention that the State Election Board is considering denying No Excuse Absentee Ballots to voters in Georgia. This of course is wrong, morally, constitutionally, and ethically. Is the State Election Board interested in supporting DEMOCRACY – the will of the people? Or is the Board more interested in concentrating power into the hands of the few?

There is no good reason to deny people their voice in voting, unless of course the real reason is merely to

maintain power at any cost. It sure seems like that's exactly what is happening in my state. Since the General Assembly changed how voters must request an Absentee Ballot in 2021, I was disenfranchised FOUR times because the window created was too short for me to request my ballot and have it sent to me in Massachusetts where I split my time, AND get it back in time to be counted. This is not subtle. This was intentional to deny citizens their right to vote. This is fascism. It is noteworthy that I've been able to buy two houses using DocuSign, but the GA General Assembly requires that I scan my driver's license, print out a form, sign it in ink, rescan it, and then send it in merely to request an absentee ballot. Now you want to make it even harder? Shame on you.

Diana Hofsommer
Atlanta, GA Resident and VOTER

Email Subject: Absentee Voting Issues
Email Sender: Danette Coronado
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Greetings to the board,

As a georgia citizen, due to the recent years related to voting issues, we need confidence in regards to the georgia citizen vote.
We need unquestionable methods to track votes, from creation to a valid vote accounted be counted. Restrict absentee voting due to disability, military-deployment, severe illness. A "just because" reason does not promote trust with the ballot.

We, also need the machines to be remove, paper ballot voting only on trackable paper which is cost effective to the state budget and tax paying citizens as well remove the ERIC system, only legal georgia citizens to vote, counted to determine a legal outcome. One day voting. Month long voting is a liability issue, questions the outcome was legit.

If a non-citizen not able to vote, mark on their identification for many valid reasons such as voting and liability issues.

I pray you think what is best for the citizens and be an instrument to restore trust and confidence, regardless of political party and fight for a honest vote for a honest outcome. Thank you for time, attention and consideration.

Respectfully,
A georgia citizen
D. Lazenby

Email Subject: Proposed limitation of absentee voting
Email Sender: rhonda klein
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

I am writing to urge you not to limit absentee voting as proposed. Absentee voting is safe--there is no evidence it has resulted in fraud or any other significant problem. As a state our goal should be to increase voting by all those eligible to vote. Voters are busy and have many and different demands on their time and absentee voting is the only way many people can exercise their right to vote. Limiting the ability to vote absentee will also have a disproportionate impact on minorities. It should never be a goal to do this especially when there is no evidence that expanded absentee voting has posed a problem to the integrity of our system or that of any other state. Restricting absentee voting will also put Georgia behind most other states who have and are moving in the other direction.

Sincerely,

Rhonda L. Klein

Rhonda L. Klein

Email Subject: You Betrayed 2020 GA Voters
Email Sender: Douglas Reid
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Dear Georgia State Elections Board members:

Thank you for volunteering your time to serve our state. Jimmy Carter wrote that, 'Absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud.'

Today, ballots and election materials are mailed without any form tracking to ensure delivery to the intended party.

Please eliminate no excuse absentee by mail voting and require that all elector registration materials be sent with USPS tracking and ballots ONLY BE SENT BY USPS RESTRICTED DELIVERY.

We must ensure secure elections and this is one small step in that direction. Thank you again for your service to the voters of Georgia.

Doug Reid, xxxx@xxxx
xxxxxxxxxxxxx

Email Subject: Election integrity
Email Sender: Sharon Wilson
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

State Election Board,

I will get to the point as one who is appalled by the lack of integrity, security and ethics in our voting system.

- 1. Raffensperger made the deal with Stacy Abrams without approval from the state legislature. He still refuses to testify under oath about the election.
- 2. No one from Dominion Voting System testified despite claims that cybersecurity was outsourced to Dominion.
- 3. Nobody in the SOS office is responsible for cybersecurity of the SOS election preparation server that prepares election projects for every county for every election.
- 4. Plaintiff expert witness, Alex Halderman was able to hack the Dominion BMD in front of the court for the second time.

xxxxxxx Halderman hacked a BMD in front of the court three years ago and the SOS office has done nothing to mitigate the risks since then.

xxxxxxx Halderman testified that his "greatest concern" was an attacker who infiltrates the facility where the SOS prepares elections could modify the election definitions distributed to all Georgia counties, and thereby spread malware to every ICX used in Georgia.

xxxxxxxark's proffered declaration confirmed that Fulton Co. had over 17,000 cast votes for which there were no ballot images.

xxxxxxx Gilbert confirmed that "there is no known way to secure a digital ballot image".
Vote Counting Problems:

- 9. Gov. Kemp's 36-point study showed massive discrepancies in the Fulton Co. 2020 hand count audit and illustrated that those 2020 audit results never matched the original election results.
Transparency:

- 10. Georgia has no policy to mitigate illegitimate ballots or even detect them.
- 11. A proffered cyber security forensic report shows the Dominion Democracy Suite 5.5 installation is set up in many ways for the system to be accessed wirelessly from remote devices including cell phones.
- 12. Eyewitness depositions state Dominion Voting System personnel accessed the system wirelessly during Election Night of the 2021 U.S. Senate race to resolve a ballot rejection problem in Coffee Co.
- 13. No evidence was introduced showing Dominion has any patch that will resolve the security risks identified by Dr. Halderman.

My rights to a safe and secure election have been decimated. This entire debacle of an election system is truly treasonous.
Let justice be served and our rights restored.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Wilson
xxxxxxxxx
Atlanta xxxxx

Email Subject: Fw: Acceptance Testing - Complaint
Email Sender: Ram Choragudi
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Hello Honorable and Respected SEB Members,

Just checking for an update on Acceptance Testing complaint submitted about 20 months ago - not received any update. Although many users in social media are asking for this complaint document and data, I am waiting for SEB review to be complete - before I share this out in social media.

My public comments from Aug 22, 2022 will remain the same for tomorrow's meeting:

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This is Ram Chorangudi. Thanks to State Election Board, SOS Staff and fellow citizens - for giving me opportunity to share my comments here. I am 20 year resident of fulton county with 30 years of IT experience, and this is my first time providing public comments.

Although I voted in elections for last 20+ years, I have heard/read about election complaints only from 2018, 2020 and current. As a concerned non-partisan citizen, I started looking into it - with main focus on election integrity and transparency.

First, I wanted to find out list of software and hardware component versions used during 2020 Election. According US EAC guidance, Acceptance testing of voting system should cover this info along with system configuration - like using certified versions, usage of modem, internet connectivity and others.

So, I asked many counties for it and Counties informed that Acceptance Testing was conducted by SOS during 2020 Nov Election.

* According to GA Rule 183-1-12-.03, County Election Superintendent is responsible for checking on Acceptance testing (xxxxx://xxxxx/xxxxx)

* According US EAC, Acceptance testing of voting systems is perhaps the most important function that local election jurisdictions undertake (xxxxx://xxxxx/xxxxx)

When a person buys a car, they check to confirm that they are purchasing 2022 SUV with leather seats and new tires - independent of what auto-dealer says OR what auto-manufacturer says. But here, its very surprising that local election jurisdictions are not involved in acceptance testing at all - during 2020 Nov Election.

I would like to respectfully ask SEB following 3 questions:

1) Although I have submitted this complaint xxxxxxxxxB, I have not received any official confirmation along with Complaint# or Case# - until now. How can this complaint be prioritized, processed and remediated quickly before 2022 midterm election?

2) Because this complaint is between County Election and SOS teams, I have made humble request to SEB to assign it to investigator independent of both of them. How can it be investigated accordingly?

3) Finally, how can I help SEB? I am willing to help in any way possible to greatly improve integrity and transparency in elections.

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Can I help in anyway - to get my Acceptance Testing reviewed by SEB quickly?

Regards
Ram Chorangudi

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Ram Choragudi <xxxx@xxxx>

To: William Duffey <xxxx@xxxx>; xxxx@xxxx <xxxx@xxxx>; xxxx@xxxx <xxxx@xxxx>; xxxx@xxxx <xxxx@xxxx>; xxxx@xxxx <xxxx@xxxx>

Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 08:37:51 PM EST

Subject: Re: Acceptance Testing - Complaint

Hello Honorable and Respected SEB Members,

Just checking for an update on Acceptance Testing complaint submitted about 18 months ago - not received any update.

Although many users in social media are asking for this complaint document and data, I would like to share this out only after SEB review is complete.

Can I help in anyway - to get my Acceptance Testing reviewed by SEB quickly?

Regards
Ram Choragudi

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On Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 09:28:34 PM EST, Ram Choragudi <xxxx@xxxx> wrote:

Dear Honorable Chairman Duffey and Respected SEB Members,

Just checking for an update on Acceptance Testing complaint submitted about 7 to 8 months ago - but I have not received any update until now. Although I am very disappointed due to this much delay in processing a single basic complaint, I understand that the delay in processing complaints may be because SEB does not have its own resources and budget to fulfill their responsibilities and perform their work.

I hope SEB can get their own resources and budget from 2023 to:

- * Fulfill their responsibilities and duties as required by GA Code/Rules/Law - without depending on SOS resources,
- * Send automated response with unique Complaint ID for every submitted complaint.- similar to how most of GA counties provide unique request ID for submitted ORR requests.
- * Create public portal for public to submit their complaints directly to SEB - without needing for public to submit SEB complaints to SOS which requires months of inquiring to get any visibility to the submitted complaint like my Acceptance Testing complaint.
- * Have public manage their SEB complaints and get status updates directly online.
- * Process public complaints in-time as required by GA Code/Rules/Law - without depending on SOS resources,

I hope SEB would become totally independent and help bring true transparency and integrity to all election oversight in GA.

Regards
Ram Choragudi

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On Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 10:26:05 AM EDT, Ram Choragudi <xxxx@xxxx> wrote:

Morning Honorable Chairman Duffey.

I hope my Acceptance Testing complaint will be reviewed, investigated (by unbiased investigator/inspector) and remediated before upcoming 2022 Midterm Election - and this will greatly help in improving Election Integrity and Transparency. Please confirm.

Again, if I can help in any way possible - please let me know.

Thanks again
Ram Choragudi

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On Monday, August 22, 2022 at 06:57:46 PM EDT, William Duffey <xxxx@xxxx> wrote:

Thanks for your kind comments Ram.

On Mon, Aug 22, 2022 at 3:55 PM Ram Choragudi <xxxx@xxxx> wrote:

Dear Honorable Chairman Duffey,

Thanks for talking to me this morning. Sorry, I had to leave the meeting around Noon - I am very impressed with your leadership and great work of all other honorable members of SEB.

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This is Ram Choragudi. Thanks to State Election Board, SOS Staff and fellow citizens - for giving me opportunity to share my comments here. I am 20 year resident of fulton county with 30 years of IT experience, and this is my first time providing public comments.

Although I voted in elections for last 20+ years, I have heard/read about election complaints only from 2018, 2020 and current. As a concerned non-partisan citizen, I started looking into it - with main focus on election integrity and transparency.

First, I wanted to find out list of software and hardware component versions used during 2020 Election. According US EAC guidance, Acceptance testing of voting system should cover this info along with system

configuration - like using certified versions, usage of modem, internet connectivity and others.

So, I asked many counties for it and Counties informed that Acceptance Testing was conducted by SOS during 2020 Nov Election.

* According to GA Rule 183-1-12-.03, County Election Superintendent is responsible for checking on Acceptance testing (xxxxx://xxxxx/xxxxx)

* According US EAC, Acceptance testing of voting systems is perhaps the most important function that local election jurisdictions undertake (xxxxx://xxxxx/xxxxx)

When a person buys a car, they check to confirm that they are purchasing 2022 SUV with leather seats and new tires - independent of what auto-dealer says OR what auto-manufacturer says. But here, its very surprising that local election jurisdictions are not involved in acceptance testing at all - during 2020 Nov Election.

I would like to respectfully ask SEB following 3 questions:

1) Although I have submitted this complaint xxxxxxxxxB, I have not received any official confirmation along with Complaint# or Case# - until now. How can this complaint be prioritized, processed and remediated quickly before 2022 midterm election?

2) Because this complaint is between County Election and SOS teams, I have made humble request to SEB to assign it to investigator independent of both of them. How can it be investigated accordingly?

3) Finally, how can I help SEB? I am willing to help in any way possible to greatly improve integrity and transparency in elections.

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Please add the above public comments to today's SEB meeting notes.

Thanks
Ram Choragudi
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William S. Duffey, Jr.
Chair
State Election Board

Email Subject: No excuse
Email Sender: Vivian
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

No excuse
Sent from my iPad

Email Subject: RE: [External] Do Not eliminate "No-excuse" absentee voting
Email Sender: Doner, Richard
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Good – I did mine too.

From: Mark Rosenberg <xxxx@xxxx>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 9:36 PM
To: xxxx@xxxx
Cc: St. Louis, Mike <xxxx@xxxx>; Doner, Richard <xxxx@xxxx>
Subject: [External] Do Not eliminate "No-excuse" absentee voting

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Mark L. Rosenberg

Email Subject: No-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: JJ and Betsy Jorgensen
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Georgia State Election Board members and citizens of our great state,

As a citizen of this state since 1977, and Betsy since 1982, we implore that the resolution that Dr. Johnston has put forth be supported by all. As our State Election Board, you have a duty to the voice of the people who live and work here. While Dr. Johnston is taking the lead on this important issue, we need to share that her statement in this matter is shared by many citizens of our state. Sending blanket absentee ballots to voters across this state was unwarranted. It was during the so called "pandemic", and it's even a greater risk of fraud now. Therefore, please work with the General Assembly to comply and restore O.C.G.A. Section 21-2-380 back to before 2009 on the issue of "no excuse" voting.

John and Betsy Jorgensen
Residents of Lumpkin County

Email Subject: Keep No Excuse and Early Voting in Georgia

Email Sender: Carolyn Donegan
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

I am a Georgia voter! I have used both early voting and no excuse mail-in voting when I needed to.

Let's make sure voting is easy for everyone. There has not been any evidence of fraud based on early voting or no-excuse absentee voting. This is a blatant attempt to make voting harder. If you can't win when everyone votes, perhaps a little introspection is in order to see why people aren't voting for you rather than keeping them from voting.

Carolyn Donegan
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Cobb country voter
Email Sender: Cristina Comcast
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

To whom it may concern,

I should be able to request an absentee ballot without having to have an excuse.

Thank you,

Cristina Favero

Email Subject: Fair and Secure Elections
Email Sender: Chris Linden
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Dear Members of the Georgia State Elections Board,

I extend my gratitude for your unwavering dedication to serving our state. As highlighted by former President Jimmy Carter in a 2005 report of the Commission on Federal Election Reform, "Absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud." Today, the current practice of mailing ballots and election materials lacks any form of tracking, thereby jeopardizing their secure delivery to intended recipients. In contrast, legal entities such as law firms rely on process servers to ensure the secure delivery of vital documents. Moreover, if one were to send \$1,000 in cash, they would undoubtedly opt for United States Postal Service return receipt request or Restricted Delivery. The staggering expenditure of \$870,000,000 by candidates during the 2022 Georgia U.S. Senate race, equating to \$170 per voter among Georgia's 5 million electorate, underscores the significant value attached to our ballots. It is imperative that we safeguard this sacred process.

To fortify the integrity of our elections, I urge the elimination of no-excuse absentee by mail voting and the mandatory inclusion of USPS tracking for all elector registration materials. Furthermore, I advocate for ballots to be exclusively sent via USPS Restricted Delivery.

This initiative represents a critical stride towards ensuring the security of our electoral process. Your swift action

in this matter is paramount as we strive to uphold the trust and confidence of the voters of Georgia.
Thank you once again for your unwavering service.

Sincerely,
Chris Linden

Email Subject: Absentee Ballots
Email Sender: cheryl naja
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

> Dear State Elections Board,
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> The current "no excuses" Absentee Ballot voting by mail should remain in place. It seems to me that our great State of Georgia should want every person to have the opportunity to vote and the current allowances makes this possible.
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> The proposed recommendation states: " WHEREAS, "no-excuse" absentee voting was helpful during the recent pandemic, but even
> during that period, voting was chaotic and untrustworthy;". EVERYTHING was impacted by COVID and in voting new processes had to be put in place. There was new equipment, poll-worker shortages as well, but even with the many adjustments that had to be made, the fact is nothing about the process was dishonest or untrustworthy.
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> I urge the Board to refrain from reverting to the past.
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> Sincerely,
> Cheryl Naja
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>
> Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Protect our democracy
Email Sender: Kiser, Mimi
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Please protect our democracy by making voting accessible to all Americans. No absentee restrictions.

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: absentee voting "eligibility"
Email Sender: nlpettersen
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

ANYTHING that encourages citizens in a DEMOCRACY to vote is a good thing. That includes absentee voting, for heavens sakes!!!

Strict eligibility requirements are anti-democratic and should be rejected in the name of those who died fighting for democracy.

Sincerely,
Nancy-Laurel Pettersen

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The problem is not finding melodies, It's . . . when getting up in the morning and out of bed . . . not stepping on them.

- J.S. Bach

Email Subject:
Email Sender: Alecia Noland
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

I understand you are considering changes to the absentee ballot conditions. My vote would be that there must be a valid reason for absentee voting such as illness or military out of country. We must get rid of no excuse and mail in ballots

Thank you
Alecia Noland
Cobb County

Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS

Email Subject: Keep no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Michelle Ploetz
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

To the Honorable Members of the GA State Elections Board:

I urge members of the board to support the civic engagement of all members of society by rejecting the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

The opportunity to review and mark a ballot at my own pace in the privacy of my own home is important to me as a thoughtful, engaged citizen. It allows me time to research candidates and ballot measures without the pressure of a line or a polling closing time.

The proposal as written relies on unsubstantiated claims of election fraud and undermines the authority of local precincts. I am concerned that centralized counting would be subject to inappropriate influences on a desired outcome rather than fidelity to an accurate count.

Unbiased sources like the Bipartisan Policy Center have published reports on the security of conducting no-excuse absentee voting. [xxxxx://xxxxx/xxxxx](#)

I urge you to not be swayed by a proposal that undermines our democracy.

Thank you for your attention.

Michelle Ploetz

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: No excuse
Email Sender: Vivian Duvall
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

No excuse!
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject:
Email Sender: Marjorie Davis
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

In all of history there are moments that either lead to greatness or that lead to the fall of our country. Our forefathers were so very careful to maintain a strict and careful oversight of the voting process. Electronic voting has done absolutely nothing except lead us into questionable outcomes. It is time for elimination of electronics and reinstatement of in person paper ballot voting.

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Elizabeth Moore
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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Sincerely, A Concerned Voter Elizabeth Moore

Email Subject: Public comment for Feb 13 meeting
Email Sender: Lindsay Favero
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

 Hello,

I am a registered voter in Cherokee County. I am writing to express my support for no excuse absentee voting. We should be able to cast our votes via absentee ballot without presenting an excuse.

I strongly encourage the board to continue to make voting accessible and work to remove barriers to participation.

As such, the board should be working to increase participation not reduce it. It should also work to maintain its nonpartisanship. Removing no excuse absentee voting would reduce participation and is inherently partisan.

Furthermore, absentee voting is an important option when it comes to a voting plan. It ensures that no matter what comes up, the person who requests it is able to cast their vote.

Please do not cave into fear-mongering and misinformation. There has been no evidence of widespread frauds with absentee-by-mail voting.

Thank you,
Lindsay Favero

Email Subject: Proposal to end no excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: James griffin
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Members of the Board:

As retired citizens of Georgia, my wife and I are opposed to ending
No-excuse absentee voting. Please do not take away our right to vote using absentee ballots.
We are both disabled and have difficulty standing in long lines. Be considerate of the seniors and disabled voters
of our state.
Thank you.
Gena and Jim Griffin
Appling

Email Subject: Fair and secure Election
Email Sender: Laurie Briegel
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Paper ballots only. No mail in, except military.

Laurie Briegel

Email Subject: absentee by voting reasons letter from bacon county board of elections
Email Sender: Ann Russell
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Ann Russell
Election Supervisor
Bacon County
xxx-xxx-xxxx

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strictly prohibited.

Email Subject: Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Paul Vanstone
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Needs to be removed for everyone except deployed military.

Also get rid of the machines please. Paper ballots, hand counted.

Thank you.

Email Subject: Please Oppose Ending or Amending No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: bennettbecky
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Please do not pursue the proposal put forth by Dr. Janice Johnson. The proposal introduction is describing a foundation of reasoning with opinion and without supporting fact. Please Oppose this proposal. If the election board wants to consider Georgia voting changes please consider doing so over the next 2 years and determine fact based areas to justify any changes needed.

Regards,
Rebecca Bennett

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S20 FE 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

Email Subject: State Election Board
Email Sender: Mary
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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A Concerned Voter

Mary Leight

Email Subject: public comments

Email Sender: Lucien Tancil

Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause immense hardships and voter disenfranchisement

Email Subject: Do Not eliminate "No-excuse" absentee voting

Email Sender: Mark Rosenberg

Email Sent: 2024-02-13

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A Concerned Voter

Mark L. Rosenberg

Email Subject: oppose to the elimination of "No Excuse Absentee Voting"
Email Sender: Lizzie Z. Saltz
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

I want to register my opposition to the elimination of "No Excuse Absentee Voting" Thats the democratic way. Anything else is just a cover for racism.

Thank you

Lizzie Zucker Saltz
xxx-xxx-xxxx (cell)

Email Subject: Protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Stan Hibbs
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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Sincerely,

Dr. Stanley E. Hibbs
Sandy Springs, GA

Email Subject: Georgia voting
Email Sender: Liz MacDowell
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Paper ballots same day voting is only way to assure a fair election. Machines get hacked.

Vote to get rid of machines
Thsnk you.

Lizbeth MacDowell

Email Subject: Keep elections legal and fair
Email Sender: ERIC ANDERSON
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Stop the fraud. Elections must be fair and legal and allow no room for cheating. Voting should take some effort.
As intended.

Mail in ballots should not be allowed unless in extreme cases such as military deployment. Voters must show identification or not be allowed to vote. If you're afraid of catching something and scared to show up that's up to you to but you sacrifice your vote. This is horrible what you've been doing to our state and our country.

CLEAN IT UP!

Eric Anderson

Email Subject: Public Comments - Election Integrity
Email Sender: Serina Patrick
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Hello,

It is imperative that we have hand-marked ballots, with no computer entry or tabulation. There should be NO mass mail-in ballots, but rather common sense mail-ins only when the voter is in the military, or living abroad (exceptions as before Covid). There should be NO drop boxes. ALL votes must be counted the evening of the

election by election officials, on video.

We need these changes to be implemented BEFORE the next election, or citizens will continue to be skeptical of election results. This will eliminate CHEATING!

Thank you,

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Chris Coleman
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

There should be easier access to voting absentee or in person, not less.

Carol Coleman
DeKalb County

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Absentee Voting
Email Sender: KATIE TOLLESON
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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- Sincerely,
Mary K. Tolleson, a concerned voter
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Absentee voting should be rare
Email Sender: Springer Rider
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

I'm retired military and I voted absentee regularly.
But I had to request the ballot first.

Larry Killen
Rabun County

Email Subject: Eliminate no excuse absentee ballots!
Email Sender: Sherry Killen
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Hello,

I am in agreement with Dr. Johnston's recommendation of going back to reserving the use of absentee ballots for U.S. military and citizens who are out of the country on election day.

Thank you,

Sherry Killen
xxxxxxxxx
Tiger, GA. xxxxx

Email Subject: Proposal to the General Assembly for Public and Board Consideration - "No-Excuse Absentee Voting"
Email Sender: Johnny Jajjo
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Please do not accept this proposal. You know there is nothing wrong or fraudulent with this state's voting systems and processes. Don't take away the citizens rights to voting.

from my Metro by T-Mobile Device
Get Outlook for Android

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Jan Hill
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

No excuse absentee voting should be maintained. Citizens should have opportunities to vote without providing reasons for hardship.

Janice Crook-Hill
Cumming, GA

Email Subject: Reject the proposal to end no excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: bettieflem
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Bethlehem Fleming

Email Subject: Elections
Email Sender: sjtharpe
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Hello,

I am responding to the request for comments on our elections. I believe the most reliable way to accomplish this is with one day voting on paper ballots.

Thank you.

Sandy Tharpe

Email Subject: keeping our elections fair and secure.

Email Sender: MaryAnn Cole

Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Dear Georgia State Elections Board members:

Thank you for volunteering your time to serve our state. As you know, former President Jimmy Carter wrote in a 2005 report of the Commission on Federal Election Reform that, 'Absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud.' Today, ballots and election materials are mailed without any form tracking to ensure delivery to the intended party. Law firms use process servers to ensure delivery of important documents and, if you were going to mail \$1,000 in cash to someone, you would definitely send it by United States Postal Service return receipt request or Restricted Delivery. In 2022, candidates for the Georgia U.S. Senate race spent \$870,000,000 or \$170 for each of Georgia's 5 million voters. Our ballots are not only sacred, but they are also worth money and they should be protected. Please eliminate no excuse absentee by mail voting and require that all elector registration materials be sent with USPS tracking and ballots ONLY BE SENT BY USPS RESTRICTED DELIVERY. We must ensure secure elections and this is one small step in that direction. Thank you again for your service to the voters of Georgia.

MaryAnn Cole

Email Subject: Absentee ballot

Email Sender: Michele Stewart

Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Please do not eliminate no excuse absentee ballots. I first used this voting method during COVID. It gave me more time to study and mark my ballot and saved me time from standing in line. I see no reason that this method of voting should be restricted - except to discourage people from voting

Sent from my iPad

Email Subject: Vote to support no excuse absentee voting

Email Sender: Lisa Engelhart

Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

No-excuse absentee/mail-in voting makes voting more accessible to particular demographics, does not significantly benefit one political party, and best practices exist for preventing fraud and improving reliability.

Please vote to support no-excuse absentee/mail-in voting.

Lisa Engelhart
xxxx@xxxx
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Election Integrity
Email Sender: Guy Baughns
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Moving forward, please track mail ballots using "restricted delivery".

Guy Baughns
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Voter integrity in GA
Email Sender: bonnie stone
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

We must put an end to mass mail in voting, Dominion, and ensure proper chain of command and switch to paper ballots! For the love of America!

God bless America,
Bonnie
Woodstock GA

xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: "No excuse absentee voting"
Email Sender: Sam Watts
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Hi,

It is not true that the public has an issue with absentee voting. A certain political party has issues with absentee

voting because it allows the working class to vote easily and efficiently. Our working class has so much to deal with and making voting a time consuming and confusing process helps no one but those who wish to impede democracy. It's for these reasons that I and many others would like you all to not get rid of "no excuse absentee voting".

Thanks,
Sam Watts
City of Atlanta resident

Email Subject: No excuse absentee ballots
Email Sender: Integrityand Karma
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Good evening,
I would like first to take the time to thank each of you for doing your duty by Georgia citizenry.
As a voter, I would ask you to represent me by voting to eliminate no excuse absentee balloting by mail, and to help secure our system by requiring that all elector registration materials only be sent by tracked usps mail, and that ballots ONLY be sent by usps restricted delivery.
I see this as our *first* steps to the security of our voting system.
Thank you, for your time and consideration,
Laurina Emery-Jacobs
Habersham County resident

Email Subject: Opposed to elimination of "No Excuse Absentee Voting"
Email Sender: Caroline Stover
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

To the State Election Board: I am opposed to the proposal to eliminate "No Excuse Absentee Voting". This proposal aims to strip away a vital voting provision, threatening democratic engagement as we approach the 2024 Presidential election.
We've seen remarkable turnout in recent elections, with nearly 250,000 Georgians utilizing vote-by-mail in 2022. This proposal undermines these advances, pushing us toward a future with more barriers to the ballot, not fewer.
Thank you for hearing the voice of the voters.
Caroline Stover, xxxxxxxxx Atlanta Ga. xxxxx

Email Subject: Absentee ballot
Email Sender: Robin Watts
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Please continue the absentee ballot. Do not stop it.

Email Subject: Protect No-excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: cyberkedi
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Dear Georgia State Election Board,

I am writing to encourage you to reject the proposed recommendation to the General Assembly that they eliminate no-excuse absentee voting. This practice is popular and safe, and getting rid of it would only serve to hurt Georgia voters.

Voters deserve to cast their ballots in the way most convenient for them. No-excuse voting by mail gives them a great way to avoid long lines while still being able to make their voices heard.

This proposed recommendation claims that mail ballots call into question the accuracy of election results, which is untrue. Voting by mail is fair, accessible, hugely popular, and here to stay.

Rejecting this proposal would show Georgia voters that the state election board values their convenience and places trust in the safety and security of our elections. These are all things that Georgians deserve now that we're in another presidential election year.

Sincerely,
Freya Harris
xxxxxxx Atlanta, GA xxxxx

Email Subject: Protect Voting options
Email Sender: Cullen Larson
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Protect the option of voting by mail in Georgia. We should be expanding opportunities to vote, not restrict them.

Cullen Larson
xxxxxxx
Cumming GA xxxxx

Email Subject: Public comment on Proposal to the General Assembly for Public and Board Consideration - "No-Excuse Absentee Voting"
Email Sender: Lisa Magee
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Hello,

I am a Fulton County resident. I am writing today to voice my opposition to the proposal to end "No Excuse" Absentee voting. Many people in our city find it hard to be able to vote for so many reasons, and that does not mean we should exclude them from their constitutional right to vote. You are only making it harder for the marginalized in our community to express this valuable right. I do not support this proposal and nor should the State Election Board.

Sincerely,

Lisa Magee
XXX-XXX-XXXX

Email Subject: If you receive more mail in votes than you mail out you may want to consider an audit.
Email Sender: Bill Burton
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: GA Elections
Email Sender: Amy A. Shull
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

To Whom It May Concern:

As a lifetime GA citizen, I am disgusted by your lack of willingness to address the glaring issues of fraud that have taken place for many years, but most noticeably in the last few election cycles. You are willfully ignoring the tone within the country and within GA which is that we the people, who are forced to fund the very paths of deceit that we are so against, are 100% fed up! We didn't want machines that could be manipulated, we didn't want mail in ballots, we didn't want drop boxes, we didn't want ZuckBucks. We want fair elections (for all parties), paper ballots and same day voting. We are not stupid! We are busy working and haven't been able to babysit all of you while you've been cheating and manipulating. Now is your time to do the right thing or you won't be given that chance again. We didn't knowingly elect people beholden to the CCP or the Deep State and GA's elections will not be stolen again!

Sincerely,
Amy Shull

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Election security!
Email Sender: Missy Lott
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Sent from my iPhone

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We must ensure secure elections and this is one small step in that direction. Thank you again for your service to the voters of Georgia.

Email Subject: Only mail ballots by RESTRICTED DELIVERY
Email Sender: David Cross
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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Mr. Lindsey and Ms. Ghazal, as attorneys, you both know that law firms use process servers and couriers to ensure delivery of important documents. I hope you would both agree that our ballots are important documents that require security and discretion. For our other board members, if you were going to mail \$1,000 in cash to someone, you would definitely send it by United States Postal Service return receipt request or Restricted Delivery. In 2022, candidates for the Georgia U.S. Senate race spent \$870,000,000 in their election efforts. That's \$170 for each of Georgia's 5 million voters. Our ballots are not only sacred, they are worth money and they should be protected.

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the voters of Georgia.

David Cross

David Cross, CPM®
Wealth Advisor
Certified Portfolio Manager

U.S. Asset Management
A Member of Advisory Services Network, LLC
xxx-xxx-xxxx
xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: Absentee Voting Proposal
Email Sender: Cindy Battles
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Chairman and Members of the Committee,
Please find our letter in opposition to any proposal before this board that would eliminate or decrease absentee voting attached to this email.
Thank you,
Cindy Battles (she/her)
Policy & Engagement Director
GA Coalition for the People's Agenda
xxx-xxx-xxxx
www.xxxxxx.xxx

Email Subject: Reject proposal to end no excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Kathy H
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

- * Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.
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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Kathy Hodge

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Eliminate or Amend Absentee Voting in Georgia
Email Sender: Scott Free
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Board Member, Dr. Jan Johnston, is asking the legislature to remove or amend no-excuse absentee voting. We support limiting or removing absentee voting in Georgia.

Georgia voters are tired of being disenfranchised through fraudulent votes with vulnerable voting machines. End the Scam!

Robert Schulte

Email Subject: DO NOT END NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING
Email Sender: Kenneth Gambill
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

As someone who has family that are aging, the idea of being able to vote absentee has been a blessing. Not having to wait for, sometimes, hours can make the difference in my family's well being and physical condition. As a single father, I barely have any free time, but I try my best to vote in person. However, I know that sometimes things happen that can keep us away from doing our duties as citizens and having an absentee ballot, just in case, would help a lot. But, taking away no excuse absentee voting would not have allowed me that personal freedom to choose one or the other. Please stop trying to take away our rights.

Email Subject: Elections
Email Sender: Ginger Gravitt
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Please, please do the right thing to secure our elections. Get rid of the machines. 1 day voting. Paper watermarked ballots. Voter ID. It's not hard. Do the right thing.

Get rid of mail in ballots. Stop creating emergencies to get away with mail in voter fraud and drop boxes. The American people know what is going on.

Sincerely
Ginger

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Fair elections
Email Sender: collette Lee
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

No more mail in ballots. Must be in person voting.
Sent from my iPad

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Voting SUPPORT
Email Sender: Stephen
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

No excuse absentee voting by mail should be eliminated to secure Georgia elections and restore public confidence in the process. Drop boxes, ballot harvesting, and hired ballot "mules" are well established to have abused absentee ballots as a means of stuffing ballot boxes to fraudulently increase votes for a particular candidate.

I strongly urge the Board to recommend to the Legislature that the GA Secretary of State must resign from ERIC, the Election Registration Information Center, founded by Soros-associated leftist David Becker. ERIC was stated to clean voter rolls, but the opposite has happened. Worse, illegal immigrants can be added to the voter rolls with impunity. Nine other Red states have withdrawn from ERIC in the past two years reportedly because ERIC is sharing voters' Protected Personal Information (PPI) with at least one other organization CEIR (Center for Election Information Research) also run by David Becker. These states have realized that ERIC, by mandating that states contact all Eligible by Unregistered citizens at states' taxpayers' expense, is promoting a Get Out the Vote machine, something that the office should not be involved in.

The failure of states to adequately supervise the voter registration process and the maintenance of accurate voter rolls directly impacts the reliability of mail-in voting. Various blatantly partisan nonprofit organizations such as the Center for Voter Information, the Voter Participation Center, Voter Registration Project, the Voter Registration Project, and the Everybody Votes Campaign are just a few of the thousands of nonprofits, often funded by left-leaning or progressive donors, with the express goal of registering millions of new voters in

targeted demographics.

Thank you,

Stephen Aleshire
Athens, GA

Email Subject: Public Comment
Email Sender: George Lefkowicz
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
George Lefkowicz

Email Subject: HB 206
Email Sender: hppro1
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

The claim is that this bill does not use public funding, but the text of the bill disagrees. The bill explicitly mentions the use of public funds for private property improvements in the context of financing qualifying improvements, including energy efficiency, water conservation, renewable energy,

and resiliency improvements on private properties. Lines
xxx-xxx-xxxx claim it to be an
"essential government
function" for public funds to be used in this manner. Lines
explicitly lay out how public funds may be used
saying that counties and municipalities may furnish funds
to aid in these endeavors. In lines 346-396 it even
discusses the authority for imposing assessments.

Sent from ProtonMail mobile

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: J Frazier
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

I would like to voice my support for Dr. Janice Johnston's proposal on No Excuse Absentee Voting.

Additionally, please give the counties guidance on what to do with voter challenges and people registered to vote in 2 states. Fulton currently believes that registering in a new state simply invalidates your GA residency but NOT your registration. Clearly that is nonsense, however that is what they said in the FC BRE last week.

Please also guide counties on their requirement to properly maintain their voter rolls and not simply rely on the SOS if the SOS is going to continue to fail at that duty.

Thanks,

Jason Frazier

Email Subject: no excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: FRANCINE D, DR DYKES
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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Sincerely, A Concerned Voter
Francine Dykes

Email Subject: Keep no-excuse absentee voting in Georgia, Feb.13 Election Board Mtg
Email Sender: Robin C. Davis
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board:

As a concerned voter, I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. As a public health and family practice nurse, I have seen over the years that there are many different reasons why a person wants to vote by absentee ballot. To give everyone a fair and equal opportunity to vote, we need to make access to cast our legitimate and rightful votes easier, not harder.

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Thank you,
Robin C. Davis, GA resident and regular voter
xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: Absentee voting
Email Sender: Teresa Winer
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

I have been a Fulton county resident for over 40 years. I am in favor of the state election board working with the general assembly to restore Georgia Law to allow absentee voting only for the reasons cited in OCGA section 21-2-380 prior to 2009.

Thank you,
Teresa
Teresa Winer
Sandy Springs GA
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Marsha
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter

Marsha Still

Email Subject: Vote NO
Email Sender: Kim Woolbright
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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Sincerely,

A Concerned Voter
Kim Woolbright

Email Subject: Election systems
Email Sender: lawrenceculberson
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

TWIMC,
If we are required to ID for entry into a none classified building, buy beer, or items at the pharmacy, why is it the you say we shouldn't to vote. It is the highest form of racism to say a class of folks are not smart enough to have one or exercise the same freedoms we do that requires them. There are laws that have not been fallowed and you know that to be true. Secure the vote with the same seriousness you'd secure your weapon. It is just as lethal and has the same burden of responsibility. As office holders with a civic responsibility the burden is greater on you. The tide is turning against the actors that allowed what has happened in the past few years. Be the leaders that secured the vote on the front end of the charge you know is coming instead of stained by corruption.

Lawrence from Lawrenceville

Email Subject:
Email Sender: Jan Becker
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Zach Etheridge
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Dear members of the State Elections Board:

No-excuse absentee voting is a secure and convenient way to vote that makes it easier for all citizens to exercise the franchise. I strongly oppose any effort to eliminate this important means of access to the exercise of one of most important democratic responsibilities. Please make it your job to make voting in Georgia easier, not harder, and base your decisions on evidence, not baseless claims of that voting by mail has not been proven to be as secure from fraud as is voting in person.

Thank you for you consideration.

Zach Etheridge

xxxxxxxxxx
Atlanta, GA. xxxxx

Email Subject: Comments for GSEB
Email Sender: Landon Rikel
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

I think it's sad that we have gone from counting hand written ballots and having the results the day of the election. To have machines count ballots for a few days. Something stinks here. The machines can be connected to the internet.

Why can't we have hand written ballots again?

Is it also true the Kemp's head of staff worked/works for Dominion?

Last question do we want our great grandchildren to have a voice in America?

Thanks
Landon

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: fully support ridding no-excuse absentee ballot
Email Sender: Lucia Frazier
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Hello,
I fully support getting rid of no-excuse absentee ballots. There is ample opportunity to vote in person. Voting in person is a beautiful thing to do anyway. People coming in to vote in person are always so joyful and excited to vote. This change also helps towards one vote per person. Ballots being sent out versus in person voting is higher risk in general since they can be lost or taken.
Thank you for working to make our elections more secure!
Lucia Frazier

Email Subject: Elections
Email Sender: David Rutherford
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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Thank you again,

David Rutherford
Anytime: xxx-xxx-xxxx
xxxx@xxxx

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Email Subject: REJECT THE END TO No excuse voting
Email Sender: Cdanielson
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Cristine Danielson
Skidaway Island, Georgia

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Absentee Ballots
Email Sender: Gary Coates
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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Respectfully,

Gary Coates

Email Subject: Stolen election
Email Sender: Daniel Galbraith
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Fix this xxxx show.
No fair election and no consent to be governed.
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Public comment opposing proposed recommendation to GA legislature to end "no-excuse" absentee-by-mail voting
Email Sender: Meredyth Yoon
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

Dear State Elections Board:

As the Litigation Director at the non-profit, non-partisan organization Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta ("Advancing Justice-Atlanta"), I write to you to submit comment regarding the proposed State Elections Board recommendation to the General Assembly to end "no-excuse" absentee-by-mail voting. Because of the detrimental impact such legislation would have on Asian-American Pacific Islander ("AAPI") and other voters who prefer to vote by mail, including those who have limited English proficiency, I urge you not to move forward with this proposal.

Absentee-by-mail voting provides voters with a secure and convenient option to vote and participate in the democratic process. Most states allow any voter to request and cast an absentee/mail ballot without limitations, and the majority of voters support "no-excuse" absentee voting. At Advancing Justice-Atlanta, we work with many voters who prefer to vote by mail, often because they are elderly and don't drive. Many AAPI voters are more comfortable reading, writing, and speaking in a language other than English, and because official ballots in Georgia are unavailable in any Asian languages, many individuals with limited English proficiency are more comfortable reviewing English-language ballots in the comfort of their own homes. Approximately 80% of AAPI Georgians live in non-English speaking households and at least 33% of those AAPIs are Limited English Proficient ("LEP"), although some scholars estimate that number is higher. Thus, it comes as no surprise that,

historically, AAPI voters are more likely to vote by mail. Even after the Georgia legislature enacted substantial changes to absentee-by-mail voting in 2021 that shortened timelines for requesting and returning absentee-by-mail ballots, reduced the number of dropboxes, and introduced other burdensome requirements, AAPI voters continued to use absentee-by-mail voting at higher rates than all other groups, and voters of color overall used ABM voting at higher rates than white voters. Taking away this option would make voting more difficult and suppress voters of all races.

If the State Elections Board were to recommend this legislation to the General Assembly, it would be doing a disservice to Georgia voters. This legislation would make it harder for all Georgians to vote, especially AAPIs, and would certainly encourage litigation under the Voting Rights Act and U.S. Constitution.

Sincerely,

Meredyth L. Yoon (she/her)
Litigation Director
Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Atlanta
xxxxxxxxxx xxx
Norcross, Georgia xxxxx
Cell: xxx-xxx-xxxx
www.advancingjustice-xxxxx.xxx

Email Subject: No-excuse Absentee voting
Email Sender: ilandd27
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Ingrid Landis-Davis,
Member of the Board of Elections & Registration

Former
Douglas County GA

Sent from Mail for Windows

Email Subject: Public Comment for Ga State Elections Board
Email Sender: Allison Carter
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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Thank you,
A. Carter
Registered Ga Voter

Email Subject: Reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting!
Email Sender: ssamuels
Email Sent: 2024-02-13

Email Body:

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Sincerely, A Concerned Voter

Stan Samuels
XXXXXXXXXX
Decatur, GA xxxxx

Email Subject: Please reject proposal for no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Victor Caceres
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Victor M. Caceres, MD MPH

Email Subject: Continued Access to No-Excuse Absentee Ballots
Email Sender: Beth Arnow
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board:

I am writing to urge you to not change the current no excuse absentee ballot voting. I began using this procedure during the 2020 COVID quarantine period due to health concerns, but also due to concerns about the security of the Dominion voting machines. In using a hand-marked absentee ballot that would be read by a scanner, I had more confidence that my vote would be counted.

In using the absentee ballot, I realized how much easier it is for me to thoughtfully study the ballot and

research any issues or candidates I had questions about. It made me a much more informed voter. And in using this, I realized how much easier it made for more voters who had responsibilities for child care, elder care or employment, or challenges in transportation, to become engaged in democracy.

The Heritage Foundation's compiled statistics shows that Georgia had 11 cases of Fraudulent use of Absentee ballots between the years 1998-2022. That seems to make the proposal to end no-excuse voting a solution in search of a problem!

I have family in Washington State where ALL voting is by mail with accessible drop boxes in public libraries. According to the Heritage Foundation, Washington State had 6 cases of fraudulent use of Absentee ballots, approximately the same as Georgia's for a similar number of years.

In addition to the extra cost to the voter to vote in person, it seems that our current process has significant election administration costs (voting machines and poll workers, etc). The MIT Election Lab reports that there are few data sources for comparative analyses, but that it's in the neighborhood of \$10 per vote. It would seem that the cost of largely in-person elections in Georgia, it may be even higher here when looking at the costs of voting equipment (not used for other tasks), temporary poll workers, etc. Has the election board ever considered a cost analysis? It just may be that for lower costs, we could have security that is just as strong. If security continues to be a concern, enforcement and subsequent penalties could be strengthened.

I hope that you consider these issues rather than narrow access to absentee voting.

Sincerely,
Nancy Arnow, A Concerned Voter
Footnote:
xxxxx://xxxxx/xxxxx

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Susan Dunn
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Sent from my iPhone. There should be a legitimate excuse why someone can't vote in person! Not just because they're too lazy! Valid ID's should be required and all voters should be registered.

Email Subject: Georgia early voting
Email Sender: Lisa Shelton
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I agree that there should be only limited reasons for a person to vote by absentee ballot. This is necessary for some but should be an exception and not a rule.

Lisa Shelton
Murray County resident

Sent from my iPad

Email Subject: Georgia Elections - Make Them FAIR with PAPER ballots
Email Sender: Kimberly Jager
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To the members of the Georgia State Election Board,

How do we ensure the Georgia elections are safe and secure? It's quite simple - let's go back to the basics and require (1) IDs to vote (2) voting on date of election, and (3) paper ballots.

Stop the madness with these electronic machines that are suspect and remove each and every one of them. Earn the trust of the Georgia voters with these simple steps and ensure fair elections.

Kim Jager
xxxxxxxxxx
Alpharetta, GA xxxxx
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject:
Email Sender: Julie Wilkinson
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Absentee ballots should be sent certified receipt requested. Thank you very much.

Email Subject: No-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Kathryn Kelly
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To whom it may concern:

We are adults. If we need to vote absentee, no one should be asking us why or judging our answers. This is government intrusion at its worst.

And just who and what funds will be dedicated to approving or disapproving absentee applications?

Email Subject: Absentee Ballots
Email Sender: georgiaisfedup
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Kind regards,

A Georgia Taxpayer and Voter
Fed Up Georgian

Sent from Proton Mail for iOS

Email Subject: Public Comment
Email Sender: Jeannie Terry
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Has Brad Raffensperger testified under oath concerning all of the evidence that has been brought forth by citizens who know that the 2020 and 2022 elections have not been transparent? None of us can read a QR code. We want hand marked, watermarked paper ballots. Unplug and ditch the machines!! Thank you for giving us fair and free elections so that we can keep our republic.

Jeannie Terry
xxx-xxx-xxxx
xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: My Request That You Reject the Proposal to End No-excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Sarah Maude Merritt Finley

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,

Sarah Merritt Finley
Atlanta, Georgia

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Sarah M. Finley

Email Subject: I support No-Excuse Absentee Votin
Email Sender: Rhoda Joyner
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Sent from Rhoda Joyner's iPhone
New Number xxx-xxx-xxxx
Please update iPhone

Home Phone xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Eject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Renee
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Renee Mitchell
xxxxxxxxxone Mtn., Ga xxxxx

Sent from Mail for Windows

Email Subject: Public Comment
Email Sender: Megan Bradley
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Megan Bradley
Johns Creek, GA

Email Subject: Election integrity
Email Sender: Chuck Fore
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Email Subject: Please Keep No Excuse Voting
Email Sender: Sharon Groves
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Hello,

Please keep no excuse voting. Some people are still at risk of getting respiratory illnesses, as well as, other issues.Keeping this in place will allow more eligible people to vote.

Thank you.

Sharon Groves
xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: Protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: None
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To whom this may concern,
Here is my letter of intent.
Thank you
Tina Francis

Email Subject: Say NO to No Excuses Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Will Steele
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear members of the State Elections Board-

Just say NO to eliminating No Excuses Absentee Voting. Please see the attached letter.

Will Steele
Johns Creek, GA

Email Subject: Proposal to Restrict No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Victoria Hammitt
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To the Georgia State Election Board,

Campaign Legal Center (CLC) and All Voting is Local (AVIL) write to express our firm opposition to the proposal to restrict no-excuse absentee voting currently being considered by the State Elections Board. Please find attached a letter from CLC and AVIL illustrating how the proposal would needlessly risk restricting Georgia voters' ability to participate in the democratic process by making voting less accessible in Georgia than in other states.

Thank you.

Victoria Hammitt
Program Assistant
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Washington, DC xxxxx
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xxx-xxx-xxxx | xxxx@xxxx

Campaign Legal Center

Email Subject: Statement from Joseph Kirk on SEB Proposal
Email Sender: Kirk, Joseph
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Members of the Georgia State Election Board,
I am the Election Supervisor of Bartow County and I'm writing in opposition to your proposed recommendation to the General Assembly regarding whether to require an excuse to request an absentee-by-mail ballot in the State of Georgia
I was a little disheartened when I read the proposed recommendation. Voters casting ballots through the mail did not undermine confidence in the voting process. Uninformed rumors, accusations, and a general lack of understanding in how that process works undermined confidence in the voting process. The language in this proposal is a good example of that trend.
I've had conversations on this topic with individuals from every corner of the election landscape. The most common argument seems to be that we need to limit how many people can vote through the mail because that method of voting is rife with fraud. In other words – they're ok with a little fraud as long as it's not too much fraud. Setting aside that no one I've spoken with can ever back up their bold statements with more than a few examples - I vehemently disagree with this approach policymaking. I believe that we should focus on securing every aspect of the voting process rather than placating concerned citizens with actions that only limit how many ballots will be counted.
The real numbers of cases involving fraud through absentee-by-mail voting are extraordinarily low. For example, I've found one person attempting to vote for a dead person through the mail since I accepted my position in 2007 (and we check every election). Every ballot cast (no matter if it is requested for a reason, or just because the voter finds that option convenient) goes through the same verification steps and is authenticated the same way. There is no difference between "absentee ballots" and "mail-in ballots."
The proposal also makes a number of assertions that add up to "the process didn't go smoothly for everybody." Yes, the process can be confusing for the voters (especially when they don't hear about changes to law), sometimes ballots aren't delivered, outside organizations muddy the waters, and election officials make mistakes (we're human – it happens), but none of that is the voters' fault. We get paid to facilitate the voting process and we shouldn't limit people's options just to make our lives easier or to placate people who use the same service themselves. Instead, we should look for ways to make it less confusing and even more secure than it already is.
Also, there are a few other statements in the proposal that I wanted to address:
* Centralized scanning of absentee-by-mail ballots does not remove that tabulation from the polling places on election day. Those voters were not going to vote on election day anyway so there is nothing to remove.
* The "appearance of counterfeit absentee ballots, involving enough ballots to call into question the accuracy of election results," is not a problem that needs to be corrected – it's an anecdote that's been investigated but never proven.
* The fact that we previously required a reason to request an absentee-by-mail ballot does not imply that we can go back to requiring a reason without making it harder for people to vote.
* There isn't some nifty "federally-mandated means of voting" that voters outside the country (or in the military) use is to vote. They cast absentee-by-mail ballots.
* Yes, voting in 2020 was chaotic but I strongly disagree with calling it untrustworthy. That's insulting to me, my employees, and my colleagues across the state.
I humbly ask that you not only vote down this proposal, but you do so in a way that makes it very clear that the State Election Board as a body supports this process and the work that election administrators do day in and day out to ensure that our elections are secure, transparent, accurate, and of course - trustworthy.
Sincerely,

Joseph Kirk
Bartow County Election Supervisor

Email Subject: No excuse voting
Email Sender: Ham Kimzey
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Ham Kimzey
A Concerned Voter

Email Subject: Do the RIGHT thing please - Hand counted paper ballots only
Email Sender: Lynn C Smith
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To the members of the Georgia State Election Board,

Our elections are in no way safe from malfeasance. I say this with confidence having studied and carefully followed activity related to our voting machines since way before the stolen election of 2020. I believe it has in fact been going on since we first installed electronic voting machines of any kind in Georgia. Clearly it's been a bi-partisan effort using this electronic equipment to steal votes and install selected candidates. This makes our voting system a non-partisan priority to fix, and it doesn't require use of expensive, foreign made, non-certified machines to do so. The answer is to hand count water marked paper ballots in a manner that is visually verifiable to all voters. Georgia voters can then feel confident that their vote has been accurately recorded and counted.

Having spent my career in software design and quality assurance, it's clear that these machines were designed specifically to be hi-jacked and our votes thus manipulated. One of the first elements of design is to determine the priority for system requirements. For voting machines this should have been security, accuracy, and verifiability as opposed to speed of process. There is absolutely no reason why we need to vote on equipment

and software which can be maliciously penetrated by multiple means; both foreign and domestic bad actors as easily demonstrated by Alex Halderman. This includes the Ballot Marking Devices, Scanners, Printers, Tabulators, Poll Pads and any other electronic device associated with our voting system. All of which was not certified before the 2020 election and includes off the shelf parts and pieces made by foreign corporations.

Our current Governor, Secretary of State, their offices, the Election Board, and our "elected" representatives have continually ignored the will of their voters. Enough is enough. It is way past time to remove ALL equipment you force us to use for voting. Please do the right thing. History will record your courage to do so or lack thereof.

Sincerely,
Lynn Smith
Lifelong Georgia resident and very unhappy voter
xxxx@xxxx
xxx xxxxxxxx xxxx, Canton GA xxxxx
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Fair Elections
Email Sender: Veronica Tatro
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

 Please remove Raffensberger, and Kemp. They are ruining the process for fair elections.

- Get rid of voting machines (nothing should be connected to the internet)
- Use paper ballots (water marked)
- Hand-count the results
- Auditable chain
- Voter ID
- One day voting
- Give voter a copy of his/her tallied vote
- US Citizens, ONLY

Thank you.
The process affects Voters from all US States

Respectfully,

Veronica Tatro

Email Subject: No excuse Asentee Voting
Email Sender: Harris Lewis
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board:

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. Absentee voting is SAFE, SECURE, and ACCESSIBLE. I have voted in every national and state election since 1960, and this is the bst way an 87 year old Georgian can exercise a exercise a sacred obligation of citizenship.

This is a favorable option for may older Georgians. Almost 250,000 ballots were case in the 2022 midterm election.

It should be easy to vote. There is absolutely no reason to change the present system in the middle of an election year.

No-excuse absentee voting would be a departure from the method used by a majority of states, and Georgia should not regress.

IF IT AIN'T BROKE, DON'T FIX IT!

Please reject this proposal. I am a concerned and constant voter, and I am

Yours very truly,

James Harris Lewis
xxxxxxxxx Savannah, GA xxxxx

Email Subject: Request for Amendment to Absentee Ballot Rules
Email Sender: robprudhomme
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear members of the committee,

I respectfully ask that you amend the GA State Election rules regarding handling of mail in ballots. We know that when countries send observers to watch foreign elections they regularly point out that absentee ballots remain the easiest way to commit election fraud and make elections unsecure. For example, former President Jimmy Carter wrote in a 2005 report of the Commission on Federal Election Reform that, 'Absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud.'

The most important thing about elections is that every voter trust the results. We have clearly seen from public opinion polling and news reports in the 5 election cycles since 2016 that trust does not currently exist among voters in Georgia.

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Rob Prudhomme
(m) +1.xxx-xxx-xxxx
Email: xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: Absentee voting
Email Sender: Jane Kimzey
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

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A Concerned Voter

Email Subject: absentee voting
Email Sender: Susan Clark
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Susan Clark
Decatur, GA

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Susan Clark
xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: Absentee ballots
Email Sender: Mike Beason
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I don't want absentee ballots without excuses.

Mike Beason

Sent from my mobile device

Email Subject: No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Carri Gibbs
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Carri Gibbs
Location Scout
Armored Films | 'The Pick Up'
xxx-xxx-xxxx
xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: Absentee Voting
Email Sender: mbeth47
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Monica Douglas

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Ballots
Email Sender: Tad Wood
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Hi,

I would like to ask the committee to ask the Georgia Legislature to END no excuse absentee ballots. I have two reasons:

- 1 - Loss of the ability to vote by secret ballot - since absentee ballots pass through many hands, in some cases lacking rigorous chain of custody documents, this can reduce a voter's ability to rely on a secret ballot cast and counted as the voter intended.
- 2- Loss of control of the ballot - again since the ballot may go through many sets of hands and many processes, the potential for voter fraud may be present at any of these stages.

Thank you,

Norman Wood
xxxxxxxxx
Hoschton, GA xxxxx

Email Subject: No excuse Absentee voting
Email Sender: Joan C. Curtis
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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I'm a Georgia voter and a poll worker

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Email Sender: Ruth S McRae
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

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Ruth Simon McRae
Taylorsville, GA xxxxx

Email Subject:
Email Sender: Cuyler Lewis
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

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Email Sender: Diane Dougherty
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

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Sincerely,
Alice Diane Dougherty, a concerned voter

Diane Dougherty, ARCWP
Avondale Estates, GA xxxxx

XXX-XXX-XXXX
XXXX@XXXX

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Email Sender: Mary Scott Vaughn
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A Concerned Voter

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Mary Scott Vaughn
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Please do not end "no excuse" absentee voting!
Email Sender: Susan Westcott Taylor
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Susan W. Taylor
xxxxxxxxx
Decatur, GA xxxxx
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Susan W. Taylor, EdD
xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: End No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Juanita Carnline
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Thank you for the opportunity to give input concerning No Excuse Absentee Voting. Secret ballots are a sacred right. Loss of the ability to vote by secret ballot poses risk for voters ion that absentee ballots (1) pass through many hands and can reduce a voter's ability to assure a secret ballot is cast and counted as the voter intends. (2) Control of the ballot is lost since the ballot may pass through multiple hands and many processes creating the potential for voter fraud at any stage of the process.

Voting is sacred to me as a Georgia citizen. To expose the value of the voting process is unacceptable. In the 2020 election, I personally received, without requesting it, absentee vote ballots. This was an insult. Absentee voting is clearly defined in existing laws and as such should be respected. The unsolicited ballots were presented to my local county voting manager (whom I know personally) who looked at them, stated they came from a third party, and promptly shredded them. I was then issued a ballot and voted.

Please respect the Georgia voter and only allow legitimate absentee voting handled through the USPS with a return receipt associated with the mailing.

NO to NO EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING. If an individual cannot or will not invest time and responsibility to go to the polls, voting should be denied. Georgians have access to transportation as evidenced by the multiple vehicles (BMW's, Mercedes, Range Rovers, Land Rovers, Lexus, Escalades, etc.) on Georgia's highways. Convenience is not a reason for an absentee vote!

Do the right thing. Do it every time.

Email Subject: Reject Efforts to End No-Excuse Voting in Georgia
Email Sender: Karen and Bruce Menke
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,
As Georgia and other states have experienced for many years, no-excuse absentee voting is among the easiest, safest, cheapest and most convenient method of voting possible. In fact it is so advantageous that states are increasing adopting it as either the standard method of voting or significantly expanding its use, such as by mailing out absentee ballots which can then be freely used by those wishing to do so. In many cases, no-excuse voting has had the effect of significantly increasing voter turn out and accounts for a huge percentage of all votes cast. I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. Over the years, we have all witnessed how beneficial the availability of the use of no-excuse voting has been in our state.

Unfortunately, there are state legislators in Georgia (and across the country) who are actually alarmed by the increasing numbers of registered voters who are voting. Those legislators are well aware of how beneficial the use of no-excuse voting has been for our state. It is for that very reason that, unsurprisingly, they wish to limit the use of no-excuse voting. Those legislators, recognizing that no-excuse absentee voting, provides an ideal way for hundreds of thousands of Georgians to vote, are determined to eliminate it. They are not concerned about the hundreds of thousands of Georgians, including many who are challenged to vote in person, and for whom no-excuse voting is the life line which enables them to do so.

Voters in Georgia know who the legislators are who have decided to use their time in the state legislature to develop schemes to make it more difficult to vote.

Don't be one of them or allow them to, yet again, enact yet another obstacle to voting in Georgia.

A very concerned citizen and voter,
Bruce Menke
Athens, Georgia

Email Subject: I oppose the elimination of No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Lilli Lindbeck
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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I am an Atlanta voter, and I have frequently relied on absentee voting.

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Lilli Lindbeck
xxxxxxx
Atlanta, GA xxxxx

Email Subject: Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Eileen Lichtenfeld
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Eileen Lichtenfeld
Marietta, GA

Email Subject: Public Comment on "No-Excuse" Absentee Voting Proposal Public Comment - Feb. 13, 2024
Georgia State Election Board Meeting
Email Sender: Georgia Values Comms
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Georgia State Elections Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment in advance of tomorrow's meeting. Please see the below. The same public comments are attached to this email.

Public Comment on "No-Excuse" Absentee Voting Proposal Public Comment

Feb. 13, State Election Board Meeting

Hi all. My name is Isabelle Philip. I'm a 4th Year student at UGA.

I remember my first time voting in 2020. I voted in person amidst COVID: being a poll worker since the 2016 elections, I didn't have any trouble with navigating the process. However, so many of my friends were confused by the process. They weren't sure if they needed to vote at home or at school, didn't know the options they had for voting in person or absentee, and so on.

In this coming election, while we may not have COVID at the same heights it was, we have other challenges. Some of my friends are back and forth between home and school very often or don't own cars, so voting in-person is difficult to begin with. If no-excuse absentee is allowed to become a permanent part of our voting system here in Georgia, that kind of confusion and hesitation will be lessened greatly.

Young people are excited to get involved in the political process. Removing absentee ballots as an option will only make voting harder for all Georgians, but especially college students and young folks in general who often move around a lot and might not have reliable transportation.

This election year will be many young folk's first time voting. Let's make it easier, not harder for them to participate in our democracy.
Thank you for the opportunity to share our perspective!

Best,

Isabelle Philip
UGA 4th Year

Email Subject: Election Integrity
Email Sender: Stephen Ervin
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Stephen Ervin
Cobb County Resident
xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: Absentee voting
Email Sender: Rita Rohrssen
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

SBOE Please support the Proposal to eliminate No-Excuse Absentee Ballots.
Rita Rohrssen

Email Subject: Voting restrictions are not democratic
Email Sender: Alison Cundiff
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sent from my iPhone

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Email Sender: Erika Bailey

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Erika Bailey
Vinings, GA

Email Subject: Ballot Tracking

Email Sender: elizabeth bittof

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

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Regards,

T. Mark Gentry

xxx-xxx-xxxx direct
xxx-xxx-xxxx fax

Email Subject: No more mail in ballots
Email Sender: cbulldog Love
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Gwinnett County should not be allowed to steal another election!! Paper Ballots! No more machines! No more Ruby and her daughter pulling cases of ballots from underneath the table. Drivers license needed for every vote! Georgia Voters have no representation in the Senate!! No way kemp won but we got democrats for senators???

Thank you

Email Subject: For Georgia
Email Sender: Nathan Rich
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to you today on behalf of all Georgians, imploring you to reject the proposal you are scheduled to vote upon tomorrow.

Let me begin by sharing my personal story. My family has lived in Cherokee County for the last 24 years. My dad started his own construction company over two decades ago, a company I'm proud to lead today. My grandparents, aunt, uncle, and cousins, and all of my siblings live here in Canton. My brother-in-law is a Veteran of the United States Air Force, and just returned from deployment in Okinawa, Japan - and now serves in the National Guard. I share this to underline the deep connection my family has to Canton, Cherokee County, and the Georgia more broadly. This is our home.

My parents are caretakers for grandparents. And as my brother-in-law is currently stationed in Texas for 6 months of training, I am regularly on-call when my nieces are sick, have gymnastics or piano practice, or any other time my sister needs a helping hand around the house. Strong families make for strong communities. And as a family unit, we take care of each other. But life isn't linear, and as much as you plan, "curve balls" are a regular occurrence. The sacred Right to Vote should never be jeopardized for an American citizen. Ever. Vote-by-mail should be un-impeded by elected officials or unelected bureaucrats. As a family man and a small business owner, my schedule is hectic. I don't even have kids of my own, so I can only imagine how children would complicated that schedule further. But frankly, I don't owe the State Election Board - or anyone else - an explanation as to why I chose to vote-by-mail. It's my vote - not anyone else's.

For political reasons "no-excuse" absentee voting is being attacked. Political reasons, not practical reasons. Naysayers imply that by choosing to vote-by-mail, I'm somehow lazy, or less invested in my community. I'd argue that by voting-by-mail, I plan better than most who show up on Election Day. Striking "no-excuse" absentee voting on the grounds of patriotism... is tin foil hat territory. This position shows a lack of foresight, a high level of cynicism, and lack of concern for family, friends, and neighbors. Reject the partisan hackery. Side with hardworking families in Georgian. Preserve "no-excuse" Absentee voting.

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Email Subject: Election Integrity
Email Sender: Valerie Lensing
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To whom it may concern:

The concepts of election integrity are integral to the United States of America. Please enforce that ballots are mailed in a secure fashion through the United States post office restricted delivery!

Thank you,

Valerie Lensing

Email Subject: in favor of absentee voting
Email Sender: artghansen
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

Please reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. Why do I want you to reject this? Because of my personal experience.

I sometimes vote using a no-excuse absentee ballot. Why? Because I want to make sure that I vote and am unsure whether I might be too sick on election day to go vote.

This means that I sometimes use no-excuse absentee voting. My being sick would not be an excuse because I may not be sick when asking for the ballot, but I ask for that ballot because of my concern that I might not be able to go vote on the day of the primary or election.

Absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters like me to cast their ballots. Many other Georgia voters also utilized absentee voting in the 2022 midterm election.

Why would you want to make it more difficult for me to vote? Why would you want to put more burden on our already-overworked election workers?

Georgia has nearly twenty years of good experience with no-excuse absentee voting. Changing the way that we are able to vote in the middle of a major election year will cause more stress for election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting tells us Georgia voters that our State Elections Board wants to make it harder for us to vote - not easier.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Georgia Voter

Email Subject: Reject proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: christian.b.conte
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

- Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail. As a college student myself, this is something I take advantage of often due to its ease in letting me vote while I am away at college.
- Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.
- Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it.
- 36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.
- Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.
- Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely,
Christian Conte

Email Subject: no excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Jeannine Collins
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I am a 85 year old voter and have used the absentee several times in the past.
I am very concerned to elimiate a no excuse absentee voting will have confusion and a negative impact on the voters. Please do not do this!!!
Jeannine Collins

Athens Ga

Email Subject: Elections
Email Sender: Rick McQueen
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Georgia State Elections Board members:

Thank you for volunteering your time to serve our state. As you know, former President Jimmy Carter wrote in a 2005 report of the Commission on Federal Election Reform that, 'Absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud.' Today, ballots and election materials are mailed without any form tracking to ensure delivery to the intended party. Law firms use process servers to ensure delivery of important documents and, if you were going to mail \$1,000 in cash to someone, you would definitely send it by United States Postal Service return receipt request or Restricted Delivery. In 2022, candidates for the Georgia U.S. Senate race spent \$870,000,000 or \$170 for each of Georgia's 5 million voters. Our ballots are not only sacred, they are worth money and they should be protected.

Please eliminate no excuse absentee by mail voting and require that all elector registration materials be sent with USPS tracking and ballots ONLY BE SENT BY USPS RESTRICTED DELIVERY.

We must ensure secure elections and this is one small step in that direction. Thank you again for your service to the voters of Georgia.

Rick McQueen
xxx-xxx-xxxx (c)
xxx-xxx-xxxx (h)
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Flowery Branch, GA xxxxx

Email Subject: No-Excuse Absentee Voting in Georgia
Email Sender: Bob Brewer
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To Whom It May Concern:
Attached are my comments on No-Excuse Absentee Voting in Georgia.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Brewer, MD, MSPH
CAPT, USPHS (ret)
Former Director, CDC Alcohol Program
Phone: xxx-xxx-xxxx
Email: xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: Protect no excuse absentee voting

Email Sender: Derek Spransy
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear State BOE members,

No excuse absentee voting has been used successfully by hundreds of thousands of Georgians, and has been done in a secure manner. There's a simple thought experiment to determine if restricting access to no excuse absentee voting is a good idea or not. If you are taking an action that RESTRICTS people's ability to easily cast a vote, then it's a bad idea. If you are taking an action that protects or expands the citizenry's ability to cast a vote, then you are doing the RIGHT thing. Reject this silly and restrictive idea.

Thank you,
Derek Spransy
Decatur, GA

Email Subject: Absentee ballot
Email Sender: Paige Mathis
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

- Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.
- Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.
- Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it.
- 36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.
- Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.
- Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Having read the proposed legislation, I find that the resolution uses "complaints" as a basis for enacting a change, but complaints are subjective and do not constitute credible evidence to support the change. The legislature should not abandon no-excuses absentee voting, but put more resources into tightening up the processes and procedures.

Concerned voter

Email Subject: We NEED absentee ballots!
Email Sender: notsofob
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

PLEASE reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. I have used absentee ballots across the country for most of my adult life. This method of voting is vital for voters like me, who just aren't sure they will be able to make it to their polling place. We may not qualify for disabled status, but on any given day may have great difficulty getting dressed and out of the house due to sudden illness or problems with mobility. Or work schedules and/or child care needs can change on short notice. Absentee ballots insure that no matter what is going on in my life, I WILL GET MY VOTE COUNTED.

PLEASE don't disenfranchise the thousands of Georgians who need this peace of mind in a stress-filled world. No-excuse absentee voting is safe, secure, and accessible. It's bad enough that y'all have reduced the drop boxes to one per county, which is ridiculous when some counties cover many, many square miles!

In addition:

- * Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.
- * 36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.
- * Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters, who often lack good transportation options
- * Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely,

Susan Perkins, White County
A Concerned Voter

Email Subject: Please REJECT the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Sara M. LeClerc
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing today to ask you to reject Dr. Johnston's proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. I am a Georgia voter who has relied on this option a number of times and plan to utilize it again. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots, and it should continue to be available for this election and all future elections in our state. To procedurally change our electoral process in the middle of a major election year would cause an immense burden on election officials (I have worked as a poll clerk and assistant manager in Fulton County) and, moreover, would cause

widespread voter confusion (I am a Fulton County voter). Neither consequence can be justified. Georgia is among the 36 states who currently use no-excuse absentee voting, with nearly twenty years of experience with this practice. Georgia should be proud of the success it has achieved since 2003, making it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot, instead of seeking to move backward on it. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.

Again, I have personally utilized the no-excuse absentee voting option in Georgia a number of times and plan to do so again. Although I am a white voter, I am very concerned that eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in Georgia. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Sara M. LeClerc

Atlanta, Georgia
xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: Election Integrity in Georgia
Email Sender: Teri Shulman
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Georgia State Elections Board members:

Thank you for volunteering your time to serve our state. As you know, former President Jimmy Carter wrote in a 2005 report of the Commission on Federal Election Reform that, 'Absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud.' Today, ballots and election materials are mailed without any form tracking to ensure delivery to the intended party. Law firms use process servers to ensure delivery of important documents and, if you were going to mail \$1,000 in cash to someone, you would definitely send it by United States Postal Service return receipt request or Restricted Delivery. In 2022, candidates for the Georgia U.S. Senate race spent \$870,000,000 or \$170 for each of Georgia's 5 million voters. Our ballots are not only sacred, they are worth money and they should be protected. Please eliminate no excuse absentee by mail voting and require that all elector registration materials be sent with USPS tracking and ballots ONLY BE SENT BY USPS RESTRICTED DELIVERY. We must ensure secure elections and this is one small step in that direction. Thank you again for your service to the voters of Georgia.

Email Subject: Please reject the propoal to end no excuse abentee voting.
Email Sender: Richard Kulik
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots. My hope is you will want all to vote and avoid a burden to the act of voting. Thank you

Email Subject: keep no excuse absentee voting please
Email Sender: Tony Fiore
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

Please do not support the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is safe, secure, and accessible. For many Georgia voters this is the best way to cast a ballot in a deliberate and informed manner.

In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted nearly a quarter million ballots cast by mail. Changing our electoral process in in the middle of a major election year will severely burden election officials and confuse voters. Georgia has twenty years of successful and safe experience with no-excuse absentee voting. Most states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this widely used form of absentee voting, we will decrease voter participation. We should instead be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely, Anthony Fiore, M.D.

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: krdavenport
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

It is my understanding that the responsibility of the State elections Board is to ensure all voters can express their voice through voting. I believe that the Primary responsibility of the State Elections Board is to make voting easier for voters to protect our democratic way of life, therefore I am writing this email to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. These types of proposals are unnecessary and only make it harder to vote No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Citizen
Karen Davenport

Email Subject: absentee voting!
Email Sender: ivaking
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

Please do NOT end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way

for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

My husband is an election worker so we know that this kind of procedural change in the middle of a major election year will cause so many problems!!

36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.

Sincerely,

Iva King, Athens, GA

Email Subject: Protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting

Email Sender: Arletta

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots.

Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is a favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.

Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.

Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backward on it.

36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely,

A Concerned SENIOR Voter

Arletta Brinson, PhD

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: please say no to absentee restrictions

Email Sender: Marian Meyers

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I have recently been made aware that you are considering a proposal that would end no-excuse absentee voting. I urge you to reject that proposal. I have always believed in the saying: if it ain't broke, don't fix it. There is no reason to eliminate no-excuse absentee voting -- it has been proven a safe, effective and secure way for people who may not be able to vote in person to cast their ballots. And isn't this what democracy is about -- letting people decide who will represent them?

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting would place an unnecessary barrier to people's access to the ballot -- and likely result in fewer people being able to vote -- while doing NOTHING to make elections more secure.

My daughter, who is a student out of state, votes absentee. And I know elders who find it difficult to wait in long lines to cast their vote who prefer to use absentee ballots. They should not have to jump through hoops to be able to vote absentee. Please do not take this convenient, safe and effective way to vote away for Georgians.

Thank you.

Marian Meyers

A concerned Georgia resident and voter

Email Subject: No-Excuse Absentee Voting Board of Election Public Comments
Email Sender: Shavonne D. Williams
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Greetings Georgia State Board of Election,
I'm Min. Shavonne Williams from Hephzibah. I'm with Partners for Faith & Justice. I am originally from Blythe, GA and work throughout the Black Belt and in rural Georgia with community and faith leaders and voters. One expectation I hear expressed consistently throughout the areas I work in is that the Georgia State Board of Election and the Georgia General Assembly should set/recommend policies and legislation that preserves the freedom to vote and access to the ballot without placing undue burden on the voters of Georgia. Preserving the freedom to vote and ensuring each voter has access to the ballot is the duty of our State Board of Elections. The current policy of no-excuse absentee voting fulfills that duty.
Legislation to end or amend the current policy of no-excuse absentee voting will place additional undue burdens on voters throughout Georgia. This is particularly true for seniors under the previous age requirement of 75, voters in rural Georgia, families with very small children or dealing with poverty and the lack of transportation. In-person voting is difficult for many constituents living in rural Georgia. There have been numerous precinct closings throughout the state, often taking voting locations out of walking distance where a voter is living, requiring them to travel further to vote. Many rural counties only have one location for early in-person voting, often the county seat. This requires some voters in different cities or municipalities or living within the outskirts of the county to travel a considerable distance to vote. Voters dealing with poverty and/or a lack of transportation, especially our seniors or those with very small children at home often find no-excuse absentee ballots as the only way they can exercise their freedom to vote. As a retired physician's assistant and Certified Christian Counselor, I know there are voters dealing with illnesses other than physical disabilities (as was the

requirement by the previous policy) or caring for a family with such diagnosis who would find eliminating no-excuse absentee voting as a major barrier to their freedom to vote.
As a minister, I'm guided by the principle of loving my neighbor. That guiding light causes pause to ensure actions do not cause harm or undue burdens on others. We are called to act justly and to love mercy. As public servants you are called to make just election policies that ensure everyone has access to the ballot, so they can exercise their freedom to vote. No-excuse absentee voting is a policy that does just that. It is a secure policy that allows voters to exercise their freedom to vote without burden.

In Faith,
Shavonne
Min. Shavonne D. Williams
Executive Director
Partners for Faith & Justice
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Email Subject: absentee voting
Email Sender: wek1
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Members of the State Election Board,
I recently learned that the State Election Board has before it a proposal to eliminate no-excuse absentee voting in Georgia. Despite the unnecessarily short window for comments, I am compelled to file this reaction. I feel that this is a step backward that would reverse a consistent effort to make voting easier and more readily accessible to the state's voters. Furthermore, doing this on relatively short notice right in the middle of a presidential election year can only be especially disruptive and seems without firm justification. Therefore, I strongly encourage you to reject this proposal in short order and unambiguously.
No-excuse absentee voting has proven to be a reliable, secure, and easily accessed way for Georgia voters to cast their ballots. This is demonstrated by its consistent increase in popularity. There has been no demonstrable evidence presented to document any problem or security issue associated with no-excuse absentee voting, in Georgia, or any other state that has adopted this approach, for that matter. This drives me to conclude that this proposal is based not on careful assessment of any data, but is rather part of an ongoing effort by some to limit the ability of certain groups to exercise their right to vote. It has the looks more like just a different form of voter suppression and partisan politics. Georgians deserve greater access to the polls, and those overseeing this aspect of democracy should do better.
Please dispose of this proposal with the scorn it deserves.
Thank you,
Wendy E. Kaye

Email Subject: KEEP NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING
Email Sender: Terry Followill
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am beyond disappointed to hear of the possible end to no-excuse absentee voting in Georgia. I've always been proud that Georgia allows No-excuse absentee voting. I can't imagine a reason for taking away something we've had years of experience with that makes it easier and safer for so many Georgians. I doubt many of us realize how difficult voting can be for many of our fellow citizens and how much more difficult it will be without no-

excuse absentee voting. For goodness sake, let's keep what's working and helping Georgians.

Thank you, A Lifetime GA Voter

Terry Followill

Email Subject: Reject Attempts for Voter Suppression
Email Sender: Mitzi Toth
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and easy way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots, as well as being the favorable option to vote for many Georgians.

Thirty-six states currently use no-excuse absentee voting, and we will see more states begin to implement this in order to make voting more accessible and safer. Our state should be proud of the success we have had in implementing no-excuse absentee voting for nearly twenty years, instead of looking to eliminate this way to vote in a safe, secure and accessible manner.

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia, since mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters. The rejection of no-excuse voting in the state of Georgia will be a regression, and communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

To put it succinctly, the rejection of no-excuse voting in Georgia is voter suppression.

Lastly, in addition to making it harder for Georgia voters to vote, applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process will cause an immense burden and undue stress to election officials, as well as cause widespread voter confusion. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe and secure method of voting, leave it alone.

Sincerely,

Mitzi Toth
xxxxxxxxxxive
Savannah, Georgia
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Please retain no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: sternhund
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I am writing to OPPOSE the proposed state election board recommendation to the General Assembly to eliminate no-excuse absentee balloting. Georgia’s goal should be to enable as many registered voters as possible to cast their ballots. This proposal seeks to limit voter access by restricting access to absentee ballots to a narrow subset of those who rely upon absentee ballots to allow them to vote.

The proposal is deeply flawed, primarily because it is entirely based on hearsay without evidence and omits critical information, as follows:

- 1. “absentee voting in Georgia has led to numerous complaints from the public and the numerous reported errors are undermining public faith...” This misrepresents the opinion of many Georgia voters. The Georgia voters I know have no such complaints, and no evidence is presented that there have, in reality, been numerous errors. Indeed, the Secretary of State has repeatedly affirmed the accuracy and security of Georgia’s elections.
- 2. “the State Election Board has received numerous complaints” Again, no evidence is presented regarding the number of complaints received, their validity, and whether they compromised election security. Most voters have not “called into question the accuracy of election results.”
- 3. While early voting is a valuable tool for enabling voting, it does not meet everybody’s needs. Workers who cannot leave their workplace on work days cannot attend the polls, even on early voting days, as one example.
- 4. The proposal does not list the more restrictive criteria that would be used if Georgia returned to its pre-2009 requirements. Those criteria are not sufficient. For example, the only workers who would be covered are those involved in health care or public safety. Any workers in other industries who depend upon their jobs to feed and provide for themselves and their families, who cannot afford to lose the income cost by taking time to attend the polls – assuming their employer would even allow them time off – would not be covered. The current no-excuse absentee voting policy gives these voters the franchise – returning Georgia to the old criteria would disenfranchise them.

For these reasons I respectfully request that the State Election Board do NOT recommend this policy to the General Assembly.

Sincerely,

Scott Deitchman, MD, MPH
xxxxxxxxx
Duluth, GA
xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: Making it more difficult to vote
Email Sender: Weeks, Clarke
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Georgia Election Board

Please reject the proposed end to no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way to vote.

Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of voting used by over a quarter of a million Georgia voters in the 2022 midterm election.

Applying a procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause widespread voter confusion.

Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be

proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it.

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Sincerely,

Clarke B Weeks
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Atlanta, Ga

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Clarke Weeks
Associate Broker
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Wire Fraud is Real. Before wiring any money, call the intended recipient at a number you know is valid to confirm the instructions. Additionally, please note that the sender does not have authority to bind a party to a real estate contract via written or verbal communication.

Email Subject: SAVE NO EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING
Email Sender: Jana Miles
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Stop making it harder to vote!

There is no legitimate reason to force people to vote in a polling location when we know for a fact that the state has not found any fraud in our mail absentee voting process.

Preserve NO EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING.

Jana Miles
Decatur, GA

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: reject proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Marjorie Pak
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear members of the State Election Board,
I live in Atlanta, GA and have been a registered voter in Georgia since 2008. I'm writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.
Over the years I have voted by mail, early in person, and on Election Day. I have also helped other Georgians navigate these options as a volunteer for various nonprofit groups.
No-excuse absentee voting is safe and secure, and many Georgians would be unable to participate in elections without it. I have spoken with voters who worked very long shifts or had to travel all week for their jobs, couldn't stand in line for an hour or more, lacked transportation to the polls, or had physical conditions or family situations that made it difficult or impossible to vote in person.
Getting rid of no-excuse absentee voting would be a regressive move, a move backwards towards a shameful past when this state actively discouraged many people from voting. It would also be extraordinarily disruptive to do this in the middle of an election cycle.
Please keep Georgia on the path forward, not backward. Encourage every eligible voter participate in the franchise.

Sincerely,
Marjorie Pak
xxxxxxx
Atlanta, GA
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Vanessa Brantley
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To Dr. Johnston and All Decision-Makers:

As a senior citizen born in this state, I have watched the ugly historical roots of the South dismantled by generations of more good-hearted and brave Americans who were determined NEVER to return to the oppression of old. Therefore, with them and their bravery leading me to respond, I ask with all my heart and might that ALL NATIVE BORN, U.S.A. BORN and NATURALIZED AMERICANS be permitted to VOTE in every election that their age qualifies them to vote in without restriction or needing an excuse.

MANY AMERICANS have given life to stand for the right to vote. I support the rights all legitimate aged born or naturalized AMERICANS to vote without need for ANY EXCUSE to ask for or request a mail-in ballot. VOTING is the most important right and duty of an adult in this nation!

Sincerely,
Vanessa Brantley
xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: Comments on Dr. Johnston's proposed elimination of no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Cliff Goolsby
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To Whom It May Concern:

After reading the proposal on the Georgia SOS site, I take exception to many of the clauses mentioned in that proposal. Georgia actually does have a great deal of experience with absentee voting. Citing public complaints as a reason to eliminate no-excuse absentee voting is a very lame - sounding like the type of approach we would hear from Alabama or Louisiana. Here in Georgia we're a bit more rigorous and will seek to address any such problems that are real, and to educate the uninformed complainers where that's needed.

So in short, I strongly disagree with that proposal and hope that the state election board and legislature dismiss this proposal as the counterproductive motion that it is.

Respectfully,
Cliff Goolsby
xxxxxxxxxandy Springs, GA.

Email Subject: Keep No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Melissa C
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Please mark my support for no excuse absentee voting to remain a legal and safe option for voters to cast their ballot in Georgia.

Thank You,
Melissa Clink

Email Subject: Board of elections
Email Sender: Carla Blumenthal
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

* Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.

* Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will

cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.

- * Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it.
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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Carla Sadik Blumenthal,LCSW
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Vote NO to proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Janet Montgomery
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To Members of the State Election Board

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal to end No-excuse absentee voting in Georgia. I believe absentee voting is a safe secure method for casting ballots in Georgia elections. Changes like this in an election year cause immense burdens for election officials and cause confusion among registered voters. 36 states use no-excuse absentee voting, and Georgia has done so for many years. It is clear to me that eliminating this method of voting will more greatly impact voters of color, low income adults who don't own cars, and rural voters who don't have polling places nearby.

No-excuse absentee voting in Georgia is a safe, secure, and accessible option for many Georgia citizens to cast their ballots. We need to continue this option.

Janet Montgomery

Email Subject: Election Integrity
Email Sender: Kelli Maxwell
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Please eliminate no excuse absentee by mail voting and require that all elector registration materials be sent with USPS tracking and ballots ONLY BE SENT BY USPS RESTRICTED DELIVERY.

We must ensure secure elections and this is one small step in that direction. Thank you again for your service to the voters of Georgia.

Email Subject: Absentee Ballots
Email Sender: linda douglas
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Please pass a bill that only permits military, elderly and people traveling through election period to be able to request an absentee ballot.
We saw the disaster that happened in 2020.
I for one did not receive an absentee ballot but when I went into vote in person was told I already voted.
Thank you,
Linda Douglad
Cumming, Ga.
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Angela-Kellam-Notice-and-Demand-for-Elections-Prescribed-by-the-People-and-Immediate-Corrective-Measures-5835041289876784515.pdf
Email Sender: Angela Kellam
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Email Subject: Please Reject Proposal to end No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Natalyn Archibong
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Thank you for your consideration of the attached letter.

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Natalyn Archibong,
Law Office of Natalyn Archibong
xxxxxxxxxx
Atlanta, GA
xxx-xxx-xxxx
xxx-xxx-xxxx (Fax)

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Email Subject: Keep no-excuse absentee voting, please!
Email Sender: Jane Hudson
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

We are writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

- Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favored option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.
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- Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easier for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to reverse the impressive progress made.
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Sincerely, Concerned Voters
Jane and Jim Hudson

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Absentee Voting in Georgia
Email Sender: Nancy Larson

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

As I concerned Georgia voter, I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

Some of the key reasons for rejecting this proposal:

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Sincerely,

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Nancy Larson
Avondale Estates, GA

Email Subject: Comment for public hearing
Email Sender: Martha Laird
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely, Martha Laird
A Concerned Voter

Martha Laird
xxxx@xxxx
xxx-xxx-xxxx (h)
xxx-xxx-xxxx (c)

Email Subject: Public Comment on "No-Excuse" Absentee Voting Proposal Public Comment - Feb. 13, 2024
Georgia State Election Board Meeting
Email Sender: Joey McKinnon
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Georgia State Elections Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment in advance of tomorrow's meeting. Please see the below. The same public comments are attached to this email.

Public Comment on "No-Excuse" Absentee Voting Proposal Public Comment

Feb. 13, xxxxxxxxate Election Board Meeting

The State Board of Elections has a responsibility to set policies that respect Georgians' values, keep our elections and our freedom to vote safe, as well as work practically for Georgia families' busy lives. Whether you're a Republican, Democrat, or Independent, we all share these goals.

Protecting Georgia's proven absentee-voting policies fulfills these responsibilities. This policy is critical to making sure working Georgians in every part of our state can exercise their freedom to vote.

Working Georgia families' schedules are stretched on a day-to-day basis. Between rigid work schedules, school schedules, extra-curriculars, child care, traffic, keeping up is a strain.

As a working single dad, I know it personally. In Gwinnett County, where I work a lot of the time, the average commute time for workers is over half an hour – 33 minutes. Making room in the busy workday to wait in line to vote is more than an inconvenience – it's a burden that too many working Georgians opt-out of – especially when the way we vote keeps changing. And for working Georgians who don't set their own hours, absentee voting is sometimes the only practically viable way to cast a ballot. It's what makes the freedom to vote a reality rather than an empty promise on a piece of paper.

No matter what we do for a living, no matter whether you set your own work hours or not, we have a right to a

voice in who represents us in the capitol. The shift worker is supposed to have the same right to vote as the manager does. No-excuse absentee voting helps make that freedom real.

I know some have concerns about perceptions of election security, and that misunderstandings about voting methods create problems. But as public servants, you need to focus on what you can control. You cannot control what Georgians read on Facebook or hear on the radio about election rumors. You cannot control traffic and weather on election day. You cannot control working voters' schedules.

What you can control, as public servants, is maintaining a substantively secure, practical, equitable voting method – no-excuse absentee voting.

Thank you for the opportunity to share what we're hearing at family kitchen tables in our network through public comment and I urge you to reject this proposal.

Best,

Joey McKinnon
Director, Georgia Values Action
xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: Ref: no excuse, absentee, ballots, removed, except for three exceptions, military, disabled people, and our elderly
Email Sender: Lisa Robinson
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Good afternoon to the members of the Georgia state elections board,
My name is Lisa Robinson. I am a resident of Forsyth county Georgia. I am sending this email today for one request please for the integrity of our elections can we have no excuse absentee ballots that need to be removed. The only exceptions we should have her from military, disabled and elderly. I am very grateful for you guys serving our state the way that you do and trying to keep everything on the up and up but nowadays with both sides having issues, I believe that all ballots must be sent US Postal Service restricted where someone has to sign and show who they are. We need to keep things fair . It's Our Way,. God bless y'all. Have a great day.
Warmest regards, Lisa Robinson.
Sent from my iPhone 4S

Email Subject: NO on eliminating no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Paula Anderson
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. Absentee voting is a safe,

secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

Absentee voting is widely used by older voters, people of color, voters with mobility or transportation difficulties, and voters with disabilities. Limiting their access to be able to cast their ballots is discriminatory and draconian.

Georgia is one of 36 states with no-excuse absentee voting. It would be a disgrace to eliminate this option and disenfranchise tens of thousands of voters. We should not be going backward in time by making it more difficult to vote and discouraging our citizens from participating in their constitutionally protected right to vote.

Applying this kind of significant change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion, on top of the recent redistricting. Politicians and governing bodies must stop trying to "choose their voters" - let every eligible voter participate in the legal method of their choice and let them choose their elected representatives.

Trying to limit which voters vote and make voting more difficult is pandering to conspiracy theorists who can't accept the reality that the 2020 election was fair and secure. Continuing to treat their grievances as if they are legitimate has caused enormous damage to our public trust and has to end.

I urge you to vote NO on this dangerous proposal.

With thanks for your service,

Paula Anderson
xxxxxxxxx
Decatur, GA

Email Subject: Absentee ballots
Email Sender: marker_birding.0z
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Georgia State Elections Board members:

Thank you for volunteering your time to serve our state. As you know, former President Jimmy Carter wrote in a 2005 report of the Commission on Federal Election Reform that, 'Absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud.' Today, ballots and election materials are mailed without any form tracking to ensure delivery to the intended party. Law firms use process servers to ensure delivery of important documents and, if you were going to mail \$1,000 in cash to someone, you would definitely send it by United States Postal Service return receipt request or Restricted Delivery. In 2022, candidates for the Georgia U.S. Senate race spent \$870,000,000 or \$170 for each of Georgia's 5 million voters. Our ballots are not only sacred, they are worth money and they should be protected.

Please eliminate no excuse absentee by mail voting and require that all elector registration materials be sent with USPS tracking and ballots ONLY BE SENT BY USPS RESTRICTED DELIVERY.

We must ensure secure elections and this is one small step in that direction. Thank you again for your service to the voters of Georgia.

Email Subject: Proposal to limit non-excuse absentee voting in Georgia
Email Sender: RALPH O'CONNOR
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear State Election Board Members,

I am writing to express my concern about several of the assumptions in Dr. Johnston's proposal to restrict no-excuse absentee voting in Georgia. I have been a Georgia registered voter since 1983 and a poll worker for the last three years. I strongly recommend that the board publish the number of cases that it has found of specific problems mentioned in the proposal:

- problems with absentee ballot requests,
- duplicate voting by absentee ballot,
- failure to mail or deliver absentee ballots in a timely manner,
- defects in the handling, processing and recording of absentee ballots,
- appearance of counterfeit absentee ballots

As a long time observer and voter in Georgia elections, I doubt that these have "involved enough ballots to call into question the accuracy of election results." I respectfully suggest that the board and the secretary of state's office tabulate and report the verified cases of each of these problems for each year since Georgia began no-excuse absentee voting. It would be also helpful to know what has been done to eliminate any of the problems identified. The board and SOS have always investigated complaints before taking action. I suggest that process be applied to this proposal.

As a poll worker, I appreciate the number of voters in the two precincts that vote at our location who take advantage of absentee and early voting which has resulted in very short wait times at our location which I think is one of the state's goals. I am concerned that wait times will be increased if absentee voting is severely restricted.

Thank you.

Ralph O'Connor
Atlanta

Email Subject: Secure Elections Please
Email Sender: Margo Blay
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Concerned voter in USA.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Email Subject: Election Integrity
Email Sender: Randall Cottrill
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

 To whom it may concern,
I am greatly concerned about our election integrity. It is my understanding that the election machines have not been certified for the past two elections and this is very concerning to me. I would like to see single day voting with hand marked paper ballots. This is currently the only way for all voters to be certain their votes count.

Thank you.

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: May C Brown
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

 Dear Members of the Election Board,

Please continue to allow no excuse absentee voting. It is vital to a large number of voters, especially those who are old or disabled.

May C Brown

Email Subject: Meritless Absentee Ballot Proposal
Email Sender: Dale Holland

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I would encourage the board to vote to keep Absentee Voting in it's current state.

Many voters don't trust the QR codes on machine-based voting. They prefer hand-marked ballots. Currently, Absentee ballots are these voters' only option for using hand-marked ballots. This and this alone should be reason enough to vote against this proposal. But there are several other reasons you may want to consider.

Meritless absentee voting expands access to the electoral process, allowing individuals who may face barriers to in-person voting, such as work or caregiving responsibilities, to participate more easily. It promotes inclusivity and ensures that all eligible citizens have the opportunity to exercise their right to vote.

Meritless absentee voting offers voters flexibility in how and when they cast their ballots. It accommodates individuals with unpredictable schedules, those who may be traveling, or those who simply prefer the convenience of voting by mail.

Especially in light of public health crises like the COVID-19 pandemic, meritless absentee voting provides a safe alternative to crowded polling places, reducing the risk of exposure to infectious diseases and ensuring the health and safety of voters and election workers.

By removing barriers to participation, meritless absentee voting has the potential to increase voter turnout rates. It empowers individuals who might otherwise be unable or unwilling to vote in person to engage in the democratic process and have their voices heard.

In conclusion, meritless absentee voting represents a progressive approach to modernizing and democratizing the electoral process. By prioritizing accessibility, flexibility, and public health considerations, it promotes greater civic engagement and ensures that democracy remains responsive to the needs and preferences of all citizens.

Please vote against this proposal.

Thank You
Dale Holland
Dawsonville, GA

Email Subject: Do NOT end no-excuse absentee voting; it currently works very well
Email Sender: Harvey Levitt
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,
We are writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. This is especially true of voters our age (75) and older but also to many other much younger voters who cannot leave work in order to vote.
* Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.
* Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion. As poll watchers, my wife and I can vouch for the fact that changes this close to an election are a VERY BAD idea.
* Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this

success instead of seeking to move backwards on it. It "ain't broke"; why break it?

* 36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.

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* Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Again, why attempt to "fix" something that works well and makes life easier for so many of our state's citizens.

Sincerely,

Two Concerned Voters

Mara and Harvey Levitt

Atlanta, Fulton County, GA

Email Subject: Reject the Proposal to End No-Excuse Absentee Voting

Email Sender:

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I urge you to reject the proposal to eliminate no-excuse absentee voting, which has been legal in Georgia for over 20 years. Changing the criteria to obtain a mail-in ballot during an election year will cause wide-spread voter confusion and further burden already overworked county election departments. Vote-by-mail is safe, secure, and convenient, making it possible for travelers and voters who are housebound to cast their ballots. Please preserve the right to vote by mail in Georgia.

Sincerely,

Karen McCown

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting

Email Sender: Harris Lewis

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I am writing as a Georgia citizen and voter that this is an unwarranted and unneeded block to a very secure and easy way for Georgians to cast their ballots. 20 years of this being done in our state proves this is tried and trusted method. Changes this late in the election cycle will do nothing but cause confusion. There is no reason for our state to REGRESS in our forward successful voting. We ask that this change NOT be made. Sincerely John McEllen and The Honorable Harris Lewis

Email Subject: Ann Walter Public comment for State Election Board meeting 2/13/24

Email Sender: Ann W

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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This change in the middle of a major election year will put an immense burden on already overworked election officials. It will also cause unnecessary and widespread voter confusion.

Georgia has nearly twenty years of proven experience with no-excuse absentee voting. Thirty-six other states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so because it works well for voters. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success and insure it continues.

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting makes it harder for voters to vote, not easier.

Sincerely,
Ann Walter and Derek Economy
xxxxxxxxx
Atlanta, GA

<xxxx.xxx> Virus-free.www.xxxxxx.xxx

Email Subject: No-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Melitta Brandt
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely, A Concerned Voter
Melitta Brandt
Avondale Estates, GA

Email Subject: Protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting

Email Sender: Erik Hart
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots. There is no reason other than voter suppression to make voting less convenient and safe for many citizens in our labor force.

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This is ridiculous even to have to advocate for, but here we are.

Sincerely,

Erik Hart
Atlanta, GA

Email Subject: Reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Karen Kroeger
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am a registered Georgia voter, and I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. It is in the interest of democracy to make voting easier to access, not harder.

- Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the preferred option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.
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- Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely, Karen Kroeger

Email Subject: ELECTION CONCERN
Email Sender: Eunice Glover
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Cordially, With Dignity & Respect,
Eunice M. Glover, MAOM, SE+I
Chair, Neighborhood Planning Unit I (NPU-I)
Email: xxxx@xxxx
Phone: xxx-xxx-xxxx

"Our inner strengths, experiences, and truths cannot be lost, destroyed, or taken away. Every person has an inborn worth and can contribute to the human community. We all can treat one another with dignity and respect, provide opportunities to grow toward our fullest lives and help one another discover and develop our unique gifts. We each deserve this and we all can extend it to others." ~ Mark Twain

"You need to be aware of what others are doing, applaud their efforts, acknowledge their successes, and encourage them in their pursuits. When we all help one another, everybody wins." – Jim Stovall

"If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life." – Author Unknown

Email Subject: Open A Corrective Action Plan
Email Sender: jamie mercado
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Hello,

Please look into this matter of using a reengineering tool which is a regulatory compliant solution for election integrity and the issue at the border.

Demand a Corrective Action Plan simultaneously be open in the following states.

GA AZ PA WI it's past time to get action for we the people and stop taking the abuse we are experiencing since Biden took office.

Thanks
Jamie Weinbauer Martin
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Election Integrity
Email Sender: Carinthia Martin
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Georgia State Elections Board members:

Thank you for volunteering your time to serve our state. As you know, former President Jimmy Carter wrote in a 2005 report of the Commission on Federal Election Reform that, 'Absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud.' Today, ballots and election materials are mailed without any form tracking to ensure

delivery to the intended party. Law firms use process servers to ensure delivery of important documents and, if you were going to mail \$1,000 in cash to someone, you would definitely send it by United States Postal Service return receipt request or Restricted Delivery. In 2022, candidates for the Georgia U.S. Senate race spent \$870,000,000 or \$170 for each of Georgia's 5 million voters. Our ballots are not only sacred, they are worth money and they should be protected.

Please eliminate no excuse absentee by mail voting and require that all elector registration materials be sent with USPS tracking and ballots ONLY BE SENT BY USPS RESTRICTED DELIVERY.

We must ensure secure elections and this is one small step in that direction. Thank you again for your service to the voters of Georgia.

Concerned Georgia Voter,
Carinthia Martin

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Elections
Email Sender: Terri doggett
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To whom it may concern:

As a Georgia voter I am deeply worried about the security of our elections (It appears that our state has had fraud in the past few elections: No signature matching, no forensic audit, etc).

This is deeply disturbing to me and many friends and family.

GASOS needs to be removed from the election board.

Thank you in advance for addressing these concerns.

Terri Doggett

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Mail in Ballots
Email Sender: Mike Roe
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Mike

Email Subject: Please Keep Full Access to Absentee Voting!
Email Sender: Becky Evans
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

 Please do NOT go back to the pre 2010 election rules, limiting the use of absentee voting. Having to meet the requirements of these old rules will create barriers and reduce access to voting. No excuse Absentee Voting works just fine.

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Becky Evans

Representative GA House District 89
xxx-xxx-xxxx

xxxx@xxxx

#BuildingABetterGeorgiaTogether
www.xxxxxx.xxx
My General Assembly page

Email Subject: NO to Proposal to Restrict Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Tom Barksdale
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

 Thomas Barksdale

February 12, State Election Board,

I understand there is a proposal before the Board to severely restrict, if not end, no-excuse absentee voting. I am writing to urge you, strongly, to reject this proposal. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe and secure method of helping to guarantee maximum citizen participation in elections—one of the basic requirements at the core of democratic government. Restricting or ending NEAV would unfairly deny the vote to hundreds of thousands of

Georgia voters. NEAV cuts through the varied and cumbersome obstacles of in-person voting that hinder or prevent voting by ordinary citizens, e.g.:

- * Poor health or handicaps that prevent, or make difficult, in-person voting
- * Need to take time off from work
- * Traffic delays
- * Bad weather.
- * Parking
- * Child-care responsibilities

Georgia’s 20 years of experience with absentee voting has proven beyond a doubt it is safe and secure. Voting officials from both the Democratic and Republican parties attest to that fact. I know of no Georgia Secretary of State who has seriously questioned the efficacy of absentee voting. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail. No serious complaints. The 36 other states that use no-excuse absentee voting report the same outcome.

Restricting or eliminating no-excuse absentee voting will have a disproportionate negative impact on minority voting in Georgia. This fact alone puts the burden on those who want to restrict it to prove their case. Their reasons must be clearly stated. So far, no such message has been delivered by its opponents.

Putting forward this proposal for large-scale procedural change in the middle of a major election year is inexcusable. If adopted, it will impose an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.

This proposal to restrict or eliminate no-excuse absentee voting must be defeated.

Sincerely,
Thomas Barksdale

(Tom Barksdale)

Email Subject: Georgia Elections
Email Sender: Sandy Bailey
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

We must go back to Paper / Pen voting in GA. counting at the precinct level!
Sandy

Email Subject: Absentee voting proposal
Email Sender: Barbara Delano
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots.

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Sincerely,

A Concerned Voter

Barbara Delano
Marietta, GA

Email Subject: Protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Judy Franz
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I am strongly in favor of no-excuse absentee voting. Please don't end this.

Judy Franz

Email Subject: Vote NO on proposal to end no excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Moshe Gittelson
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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- * Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.
- * Some people simply cannot get to the polls on election day and we need to make voting easily accessible to them.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Voter

Moshe Marvin E. Gittelson

Email Subject: REJECT ANY CURTAILMENT OF ABSENTEE VOTING

Email Sender: Batya

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

It is our RIGHT to vote and your job is to make that possible for the maximum number of voters! It should not depend on our access to transportation, work schedules, family obligations or health. It is our constitutional RIGHT. Denying any citizen of this right is Voter Suppression, plain and simple, no matter how anyone tries to spin it.

I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

- * Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.
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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Barbara Nesin
xxxxxxxxx
Atlanta GA

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Daniel Pedersen
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board.

I am writing to strongly urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting in our state. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion. And that's surely the last thing we need right now.

What's more, this measure runs counter to responsible progressive change in our state over the past two decades. Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it.

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Surely this is not the intention of the board! I will be watching next steps closely as a concerned citizen. Thank you for this opportunity to comment!

Sincerely,
Daniel Pedersen
Atlanta

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Voting Proposal
Email Sender: Janet Grant
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. Many of us used no excuse absentee voting during the pandemic for the first time, and found it to be a critical option to ensure our right to

vote. While the volume of voters opting for absentee voting is lower post pandemic, there are many situations that individual voters have that may or may not fit these proposed excuses. In addition, this proposal appears to be driven by false conspiracy theories of voter fraud in absentee voting. I am extremely concerned that our State Election Board would play into those false theories—your job should be to ensure the right to vote to all citizens.

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Sincerely,

Janet Grant

Decatur, GA

Email Subject: Fair transparent elections
Email Sender: Justin Hamilton
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Do -
Hand mark paper ballots

Precinct voting
On Election Day
In person (with rare exceptions)
Auditable tally's
Oversight by all parties at all times
Results on election night
Valid Government photo identification

Don'ts -
Use machine
Mass mail ballots
Use QR codes
mystery water main breaks

Email Subject: Absentee Voting
Email Sender: jennifer deweese
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. It's simply absurd that a proposal has been submitted to make this process even more difficult.

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Jennifer DeWeese
Avondale Estates, Ga.

Email Subject: No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Debbie D
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely, A Concerned Voter Deborah Di Bona

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Voting Proposal. Let's not go backwards.
Email Sender: Clover W. Hall
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I find it very disheartening that there is a proposal to restore Georgia law prior to 2010 to allow abstentee voting only for specific reasons.

Instead of bowing to complaints of a seemingly imperfect system, by doing away with the current system, let's fix the system. I would encourage the Georgia Assembly and the State Election Board to study the other 27 states and DC which currently offer No Excuse Absentee Voting and adopt best practices from these states to fix whatever doesn't work in our system.

I assume our goal is to encourage and increase participation in the voting process. Let's be progressive and keep moving forward. Let's not go backwards.

Respectfully,

Clover Hall

Email Subject: Fair & secure elections
Email Sender: JaVaughn Jones
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Good evening. As a Georgia resident I am voicing my concerns towards our voting system. We need to ensure now, more than ever that our elections are secure for this upcoming election. Mail in ballots are a big factor. They need the most security. We also need a representative of the state that's not afraid to hold people accountable when things are looking out of place. A person that's able to set politics aside and do what's right by the people of this great state.

Email Subject: Reject proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Judy Lipshutz
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

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Sincerely,
Judith Lipshutz, a Concerned Voter
Avondale Estates, GA

Email Subject: Please maintain option for absentee voting
Email Sender: Linda Stephens
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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- * Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it.
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Sincerely,
Linda Stephens
A Concerned Voter

Email Subject: Proposed elimination of "no excuse" absentee voting
Email Sender: Jeffrey Baxter
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I write to express my adamant opposition to changing GA's no-excuse absentee voting law to make it harder for Georgia's citizens to vote! No-excuse absentee voting has proven to be a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot, and there is no operational, rational or equitable argument in support of curtailing or, worse, eliminating it.

Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the most viable option for many Georgians. Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion, no doubt disenfranchising many whose votes deserve to be counted.

Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it. 36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the State of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.

Please vote against Dr. Johnston's proposal.

Many thanks,

Jeffrey C. Baxter
xxxxxxxxx

Atlanta GA

Email Subject: COMMENTS REGARDING "NO EXCUSE" ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE STATE OF GEORGIA
Email Sender: Ann Delmas
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Good afternoon,
This is Elizabeth Ann Delmas from Sandy Springs, GA. I have provided the attached input regarding the "no excuse" absentee ballots. Thanks for allowing me to provide my thoughts and many thanks to all the Board members for your work!

Elizabeth Ann Delmas
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Claudette Tolson
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Hello,

I am writing you to request that you reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. Absentee voting is safe and secure.

Sincerely,

Claudette Tolson

Email Subject: Board Consideration – “No-Excuse Absentee Voting”
Email Sender: Chantel Mullen
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots.

The number of Georgians using absentee ballots has steadily increased as did the use of absentee ballots in all 50 states following the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020 Georgians had 1,320,154 mail ballots returned and accepted. After a major contraction of voting access following the 2020 election, Georgians still used absentee ballots at a high rate in the xxxxxxxxxate accepting almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.

Although there has been no evidence of widespread fraud with absentee-by-mail voting and, until the 2018 governor’s race, the relative few voters that used absentee ballots skewed older, whiter and more Republican, there has been a concerted effort to disparage and restrict absentee ballots access since an uptick in the use of absentee ballots by minority and Democratic-leaning voters. Let us be reminded that absentee ballot usage has increased as Georgia has continually closed polling locations primarily in minority communities and rural counties. In 2018, the AJC noted that Georgia started closing precincts in 2012 and had closed over 200 precincts as of 2018. In 2022, when there were plans to close all but one polling place in a rural Georgia county, the Lincoln County Commission Chairman Walker Norman, a Republican, defended both the changes to the election board and the poll closures by saying “voters also can seek absentee ballots to vote by mail”.

Well now that Republican-led commissions have closed precincts, the Republican legislature has severely limited access to absentee drop boxes and other changes, and we now have a recommendation to do away with the “No Excuse” absentee ballot. It appears that anytime the number of voters increases, we have folks who have to tinker with ballot access. Be that as it may, applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on Georgia’s citizens and election officials. It will cause widespread voter confusion. Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backward on it. 36 states currently use no-

excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.

Most importantly, having no-excuse absentee voting is in line with my faith. We should look out for the least of thee. Our policies should support the least of thee. There are citizens in Georgia who need no-excuse absentee ballots. In Georgia, there are citizens who lack reliable transportation, who lack child care, who have health issues, who work multiple jobs, and who are just plain tired. There are Georgians who may not feel secure and safe going to polling sites. We have also seen an increase in threats to poll workers and other voter intimidation tactics. There are Georgians who will have circumstances that keep them from going to the poll on election day. Let us be reminded that we are just coming out of a pandemic. There are Georgians with health issues that are compounded by Georgian's limited access to health insurance and medical treatment. A 2023 study found that Georgia ranked worst state for healthcare.

Adding excuse requirements is also arbitrary. The excuses serve as more of a deterrent than any security method. There is no verification process with the addition of excuses. Adding an excuse adds nothing to the security of absentee ballots. The security protocols for absentee ballots are the same as for excuse and no excuse ballots. The excuse impacts ballot access, not ballot security. Georgians shouldn't have to ask for permission to use a verified safe, secure, and accessible voting method. It should not be the state government's business why Georgians need an absentee ballot. What happened to "limited government"?

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting will most greatly impact minority and rural voters in Georgia. In Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely,

Chantel D. Mullen
Georgia Voter
Atlanta, Georgia

Email Subject: Comment
Email Sender: Adam Francois Watkins
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I have just heard for the first time about the asinine suggestion by a member of the State Election Board to eliminate no-excuse absentee voting.

The proposed recommendation to the General Assembly basebally claims that no-excuse absentee ballot voting was "chaotic and untrustworthy," or that it "call[s] into question the accuracy of election results." Where is the support for these wild claims? My best understanding is that those, like Dr. Johnston, who put forth wholly unsubstantiated claims of election fraud are the ones who are in fact undermining the support of the legitimacy of our voting systems -- they are creating the very "problem" that they purport to "solve" by making voting harder for working people.

Yes, we do have early voting options, and that is of course a good thing to enable working people to enhance their opportunities to vote, but even able-bodied, work-largely-from-home, can-walk-to-my-voting-place people like me prefer to request an absentee ballot because it is an easier way for me to vote, and my schedule frequently changes where I may be unable to vote on my planned day or days in-person.

Moreover, elimination of no-excuse absentee voting would treat people differently unfairly. My wife was formerly an active duty member of the uniformed services, and as such was entitled to get an absentee ballot for every election (without having to request it for every single primary and general and runoff like I had to do), regardless of whether she was actually away for her service. We all respect her service, but there is no reason in her case to allow her to vote absentee while I would be forced to vote in person.

There is absolutely no evidence that I have seen (and none cited by the misguided Proposed Recommendation) that no-excuse absentee ballot voting actually results in fraud, so instead of needlessly making it harder for eligible voters to cast their ballots we should be working to EXPAND access to the vote for eligible voters to allow our government to truly reflect the voters' will.

Adam Francois Watkins
xxxxxxxxxx
Atlanta, GA

Email Subject: Rejection of Proposal to End No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Virginia Martz
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the Election Board ,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is currently used by 36 states.

Thank you for taking time to carefully consider how important it is to reject this proposal.
Virginia Martz
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Absentee voting
Email Sender: scott stephens
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Please vote no on the proposal to end no excuse absentee voting. No excuse absentee voting has been working fine for the last twenty years and there is no compelling reason to change it now. This is a solution in search of a problem. Although I regularly vote on voting day, I believe absentee voting is an important option for all voters. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Scott Stephens

XXXXXXXXXX
Atlanta, GA
XXX-XXX-XXXX

Scott Stephens

Email Subject: Please, do not end no-excuse absentee voting. Vote no!
Email Sender: Charles L Saxe
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the Georgia State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. We have almost twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting and should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards. Which is exactly what this proposal would do.

More than 30 other states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it would be a serious regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking to make voting easier, more accessible and safer.

In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted just under 250,000 ballots cast by mail. By applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year would cause an immense burden on election officials and would cause widespread voter confusion. Speaking as an election official, I can assure you this change will not be welcomed.

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier. That is a message I doubt you want to send.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles L Saxe (a concerned voter)

Sent from my iPad

Email Subject: no excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: KATHERINE HANSON
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board:

Please retain no excuse absentee voting for many reasons. Not everyone likes to drive anymore, nor do they want to stand in line in inclement weather. Many people travel frequently for work or work hours that make voting in person more difficult. Working families with small children don't even have enough time in a day to get the daily chores accomplished and sleep.

Due to the accusations of the 2020 election we have been highly scrutinized and found that mail in ballots are actually quite successful when sent out far enough in advance.

Why can't we make voting easier for everyone? I really cannot see this as a partisan issue, nor should it be. We should all be encouraged to take a part in our democracy and that surely starts and ends with voting.

Sincerely,

Katherine Hanson

Email Subject: why take away absentee voting without "excuse"?
Email Sender: Anthony Greco
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Absentee voting is really important to many, many Georgians - I have voted this way at times. What could possibly be a reason to get rid of it?

As far as I know, there have not been documented issues of improprieties via "no excuse" absentee voting - so again - what is the problem?

Also, at this late time for this election year, you would set off all sorts of chaos to change this - unnecessarily.

This sounds to me like Republicans being afraid of Democrat votes, and trying any means possible to suppress votes.

Please do not let this happen.

Anthony Greco
Decatur, GA.

Email Subject: Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Clare Rubin
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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- * Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.
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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Clare Rubin

Email Subject: Opposing the elimination of No-excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Karen Menke
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,
I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. I have voted this way for a number of years and have found it a wonderful way to avoid waiting in line at the polls. I feel the goal of the Legislature should be to make voting easier and more convenient for the voter rather than restricting access. I find it very desirable to go to "My Voter Page" to see that my application has been received and then, after I have submitted my ballot, to check that the local Election Board has received it. It gives me confidence that my vote will be counted.

Sincerely,
Karen Menke
xxxxxxxxx
Athens, GA

Email Subject: Absentee ballots
Email Sender: Kerstin Meyers Groff
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Please maintain a robust absentee voting method. I have voted in virtually every election, notwithstanding a difficult work travel schedule that sometimes makes in person voting difficult. I have also been able to vote, easily, after knee surgery, when I was sick and when I was out of state taking care of a

dying relative. I can't imagine why the state would consider eliminating or restricting something that has been available for decades.

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Kerstin Meyers Groff
Cobb County, Georgia

Email Subject: Keep no excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Keaton K
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Keaton Kramer

Email Subject: Reject proposal to end no excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: David Thompson
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Most Warmly, concerned citizen Amy Leventhal
Resident of Georgia Dekalb County

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Email Subject: Fw: ABSENTEE VOTING! ONLY ONE HOUR TO RESPOND!!!
Email Sender: Patricia Fuqua Lovett
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

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Sincerely,
Patricia Fuqua Lovett
A Registered State of Georgia Voter

Email Subject: please vote NO
Email Sender: Sherrill Terry
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To the State Election Board:
Please vote no to the proposal to eliminate "no excuse" absentee voting.
Absentee voting is safe and easy, especially for those unable to get to the polls.

Many thanks,
Sherrill Terry
xxxxxxxxx

Email Subject: Elections
Email Sender: Lesli Richards
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

We are entitled to transparent safe elections. Georgians want paper ballots, no mail in ballots and no machines!
We are tired of the corruption and demand accountability.
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Keep the "No Excuse Absentee Ballot" Option
Email Sender: WALTER FIELDS
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Election Board,

I am writing today in favor of "No Excuse Absentee Voting". Please vote against the proposal to end no excuse absentee voting!

There are several reasons for keeping the current standard for absentee ballots:

- * It makes it easier for; people with disabilities, people with heavy work schedules, farm workers and farm owners, people who run businesses, people with kids and/or elderly parents to care for, and people who run households, to vote. Heck, almost everyone who cares about their community finds absentee voting a safe and more convenient to vote.
- * It is safe and secure. We have much experience in Georgia with the system as it exists today, and it is widely used and with much success. I think we began this system in 2003, so we have a rich and positive history to guide us.
- * Don't be lulled into the false perspective of abundant voter fraud. The few instances of malfeasance over 20 years are FAR OUTWEIGHED by the convenience and popularity of its use. The elimination of "no excuse absentee voting" makes it look like we are trying to make it harder for people to voice their opinion and participate in the most American of activities – voting!
- * A majority of other states use "no excuse absentee ballots". Georgia will continue (unjustly) to be viewed in the eyes of the nation's population as backward and oppressive if we discontinue this policy.
- * On a practical note. Changing the process during an election year, particularly a presidential election, is likely to wreak havoc with the election process and create much confusion within the electorate who wish to exercise both their obligation and right to vote!

Let's NOT be viewed as a backward state whose Board of Electors want to suppress the vote.
Let's CONTINUE to be a beacon for full participation in the election process.

As a proud Georgian and faithful absentee ballot voter, thank you for listening.

Walter Fields
Breathe deep, seek peace.

Email Subject: Mail in Ballots
Email Sender: kosmith
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Georgia State Elections Board members:

Thank you for volunteering your time to serve our state. As you know, former President Jimmy Carter wrote in a 2005 report of the Commission on Federal Election Reform that, 'Absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud.' Today, ballots and election materials are mailed without any form tracking to ensure delivery to the intended party. Law firms use process servers to ensure delivery of important documents and, if you were going to mail \$1,000 in cash to someone, you would definitely send it by United States Postal Service return receipt request or Restricted Delivery. In 2022, candidates for the Georgia U.S. Senate race spent \$870,000,000 or \$170 for each of Georgia's 5 million voters. Our ballots are not only sacred, they are worth money and they should be protected.

Please eliminate no excuse absentee by mail voting and require that all elector registration materials be sent with USPS tracking and ballots ONLY BE SENT BY USPS RESTRICTED DELIVERY.

We must ensure secure elections and this is one small step in that direction. Thank you again for your service to the voters of Georgia.

Sincerely,
KOSmith

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S23 Ultra 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

Email Subject: Letter to SEB opposing Absentee Ballot Proposal
Email Sender: Dennis Glade
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To The State Elections Board,

I am writing to ask you to DISMISS the proposal on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 that calls for limiting use of absentee ballots.

I am a Republican. I am concerned that this new proposal is based on conspiracy theories that are simply not true. I have read the proposal, and while you may have received complaints as described, these complaints are from a small group of people that do not have thought processes based in reality. These extremists do not represent the majority of the Republican Party.

I am concerned that many elderly Republicans rely on voting by mail, and that the proposed restrictions could impact my colleagues' access to voting. This is not the year to limit voting.

I am also concerned about the appearance of the SEB passing this proposal—it seems that you want to take away voting access, when voting should be made easier and should be encouraged. The existing vote by mail rules have caused a lot of problems and have sufficient restrictions in place that have limited access to voting. There is no need for more restrictions.

It just looks bad that the SEB wishes to put up more roadblocks to voting.

Please reject the proposal.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dennis Glade

Dennis Glade
Canton, GA

Email Subject: reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Carole Cooper
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards. Applying a procedural change to end no-excuse absentee voting to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion. The State Elections Board should make it easier to vote and not harder.

Sincerely,
Carole D. Cooper
A Concerned Voter

XXXXXXXXXX
Avondale Estates, GA

Email Subject: No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Nic Delaine
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To whom this may concern,

Please do everything you can to allow any reason for absentee voting. Adults should not be required to fit in a small box of reasons that are "excused" as if we were children at a school needing a doctor's note. This is our given right to vote we are talking about here.

Instead please understand that in today's world there could be many reasons as to why someone might need to vote absentee. I myself can think of and have nearly had several situations where I would have needed to vote absentee or not vote at all. One being long term travel, another being aging parents in another state, another a spouse who travels frequently leaving me home with my kids as we have no family in town and many other reasons.

No adult should have to justify their reason. For that matter, who could ever be the judge of such reasons? Again, as if these adults are children who cannot decide for themselves what is best for them.

Not allowing absentee voting is like not allowing some people to vote at all. Someone else deciding what is convenient or what kind of hoops a voter should have to jump through in order to vote is not ok. One day, it could be you, given the right set of circumstance. Imagine how that would feel?

I implore you to allow any reason to be given for absentee voting as every reason could and should be valid and any excuse could happen to any one of us under the right circumstances.

- Nicole Delaine
Peachtree Corners, GA

Email Subject: Mailing GA ballots out
Email Sender: June Oliver
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Very important....my comment: ONLY send ballots out via USPO RESTRICTED DELIVERY...MUST be able to track ballots to insure the integrity of the GA voting system...which is not currently being done, by my understanding.I am a Georgia registered voter. Too much chance of voting fraud if not tracking! The voters will be watching how the State Elections Board protects the GA voter. The cost to send the ballots this way is well worth the integrity of the vote. Only vote in person...unless disabled or serving in the military and can't vote in

person...NO DROP BOXES!!! Thank you. Ms.Oliver

Email Subject: absentee ballots
Email Sender: Sandy Mentzel
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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We must ensure secure elections and this is one small step in that direction. Thank you again for your service to the voters of Georgia.

Sincerely,
Sandy Mentzel

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Sandy Mentzel
Digital Marketer
Sandy Mentzel LLC
xxxx@xxxx

www.xxxxxx.xxx

<xxxx.xxx>

Email Subject: ABSENTEE VOTING
Email Sender: jane williams
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,
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- * Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.
- * In 2024, voting should be made easier not harder.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter

Jane Williams
Community Advocate
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Keep Our No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Steve Bock
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the Elections Board,

I'm an independent Georgia voter who strongly urges that no-justification absentee ballots be kept available for voters.
The system has worked just fine as it is.

- Adding this encumbrance:
1. Creates more work for the state.
 2. Creates more expense for the state.
 3. Creates an totally unnecessary hoop for voters to jump through.
 4. May discourage some people, of both parties, from voting.
 5. Makes the already long lines at voting locations even longer.

Less government in our lives means less government hassle.
Let's keep it that way when it comes to something as basic as voting.

-Steve Bock

Atlanta, GA

Email Subject: Proposal to eliminate "no excuse" absentee voting

Email Sender: Alice Ball
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To all Members of the State Board of Elections:

The proposal to eliminate "no excuse absentee voting in Georgia is antithetical to the purpose of the Board of Elections. Doing so will decrease voter participation and make the ballot out of reach of more persons eligible to vote.

The secrecy about this proposal and the closed hearing tomorrow are the cowardly actions of public servants unworthy of the name.

Shame on all you members for considering this as an action to improve and protect access to free and fair elections for all Georgians.

Alice H. Ball

Email Subject: Protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Tricia Graham
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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As a senior voter, I appreciate the choice to vote in the manner that is best for me.

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Patricia Graham
xxxxxxxxxx
Roswell, GA

Email Subject: Fair elections
Email Sender: rusty cothran
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

The citizens of Georgia overwhelmingly want fair elections that include paper ballots, one ay voting, and NO mail in ballots.
We are your bosses so do the will of the majority. Your job depends on it.

Email Subject: PLEASE REJECT the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Adams/Crawford
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

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Sincerely, A Concerned Voter
Kathleen Crawford, Chamblee, GA

Email Subject: Stop the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting

Email Sender: Holly Ann Williams
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Dr. Holly Ann Williams

Email Subject: Fwd: Keep No-Excuse voting for GA !
Email Sender: Hope Mays
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Hope Mays <xxxx@xxxx>
Date: Mon, Feb 12, 2024 at 4:03 PM
Subject: Keep No-Excuse voting for GA !
To: <xxxx@xxxx>

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No-excuse mail in ballot system works well.

I see no reason—NO EXCUSE—for board members retracting what has been perceived as—and proved to be—a positive step welcoming and encouraging voters to participate in this vital process of choosing our representatives at every level. Eliminating or changing our no excuse voting is a bad idea, a bad look and a bad omen for democracy.

Please respect Georgia voters by allowing them to vote freely.
KEEP NO-EXCUSE VOTING in our elections!
Thank you,
Hope Mays
A Senior Voter

Email Subject: DON'T REJECT NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING
Email Sender: Diana Anhalt
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Diana Anhalt
xxxxxxxxxx
Atlanta, GA
xxx-xxx-xxxx (H), xxx-xxx-xxxx (C)

Email Subject: Absentee voting
Email Sender: Ted McElroy
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Ted McElroy

Email Subject: GA Election Security
Email Sender: Dee Clare
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Georgia State Elections Board members:

Thank you for volunteering your time to serve our state. As you know, former President Jimmy Carter wrote in a 2005 report of the Commission on Federal Election Reform that, 'Absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud.' Today, ballots and election materials are mailed without any form tracking to ensure delivery to the intended party. Law firms use process servers to ensure delivery of important documents and, if you were going to mail \$1,000 in cash to someone, you would definitely send it by United States Postal Service return receipt request or Restricted Delivery. In 2022, candidates for the Georgia U.S. Senate race spent \$870,000,000 or \$170 for each of Georgia's 5 million voters. Our ballots are not only sacred, they are worth money and they should be protected.

Please eliminate no excuse absentee by mail voting and require that all elector registration materials be sent with USPS tracking and ballots ONLY BE SENT BY USPS RESTRICTED DELIVERY. We must ensure secure elections and this is one small step in that direction.

Thank you again for your service to the voters of Georgia.

Regards,

Dee

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Email Sender: Hope Mays

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

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Email Subject: Please stop trying to restrict absentee voting
Email Sender: Robert Hahn
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

You should be making it EASIER to vote rather than HARDER.

THANK YOU, Robert Hahn, PhD., Iman Park

Email Subject: No Excise Absentee Voting is essential to protecting Democracy
Email Sender: Sharon Williams
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Sharon Williams, A Concerned Voter

Email Subject: Proposed Elimination of "No-excuse" absentee voting
Email Sender: Gaylen Baxter
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I adamantly oppose changing GA's no-excuse absentee voting law to make it harder to vote! No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

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Please vote against Dr. Johnston's proposal.

Many thanks,

Gaylen Kemp Baxter
xxxxxxxxx

Atlanta GA

Email Subject: Reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Victoria Figiel
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Victoria Figiel
A Concerned Voter
xxxxxxxxx
Avondale Estates, GA

Email Subject: Elimination of no excuse absentee voting -Opposed
Email Sender: Mary Jo Peed
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Please see the attached comment. Thank you in advance for seriously considering the people of Georgia opinions on this matter.

Email Subject: Reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: cowhort
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,
I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. The ability to vote by absentee ballot without providing a reason has been invaluable to me several times. Experience in Georgia has shown that no-excuse absentee voting is safe and secure, Maintaining that option benefits Georgians and Georgia by increasing access to the ballot.
Other reasons I support no-excuse absentee voting include the following:

- * Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting and it has been proven to be safe and secure.
 - * In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail, a clear demonstration of the value Georgians get from the option. There is no evidence that indicates a need to go backwards in voting access.
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- Since 2003, Georgia leaders have made it easier for electors to cast an absentee ballot. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board now wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier. That is not the job of the State Election Board and I urge you to reflect the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

Sincerely,
Gail Cowie, a concerned Georgia voter

Email Subject: Proposal Concerning No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Phil Boylan
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear board members,

I write you today to strongly endorse the proposal to work with the Georgia Legislature to eliminate no-excuse absentee voting (aka mail-in voting) and return to the rules that we had prior to 2010. I'd like to briefly share my own experience with mail-in ballots during the 2020 election:

1. I live in Silver Creek in Floyd County. In the summer of 2020 we received mail-in ballot requests addressed to a family member who had been dead for 7 years. The death certificate had been issued by Georgia, and the deceased's estate had been officially settled in probate court in Floyd County. Thus, there were abundant legal records documenting that this person was deceased. Yet, when we contacted the registrar to ask why they still had the deceased on their list of eligible voters, we were told that they don't cross-check against death records or probate records. The only way a voter is removed is when someone makes the effort to send them evidence that the voter has died. We sent in a copy of the death certificate. Problem solved? Not so fast. Two years later, I received a phone call from the courthouse clerk asking why the deceased had not reported for scheduled jury duty that morning! The jury candidate database had not been cross-checked either. My conclusion from all this is that key government databases are full of out-of-date information. This cannot be explained by simple incompetence or carelessness, as no reasonable person would ever construct a process like this for database management. THEREFORE, IT MUST BE THIS WAY BY INTENT. But why?

2. When I went to vote in person at my local precinct on November 3, 2020, over half of the voters ahead of me in line were told that they had already voted by mail in Douglasville and Mableton. Since schools were closed due to the pandemic, most of these voters had young children with them, or they were on their lunch break from work. They were not at liberty to stay for an extended period to file a provisional ballot and be interviewed so that their ballots could be adjudicated. Most left without voting. I could tell from the body language and exchanged looks between the election workers (all new for this election!) that this stuff had been going on all morning. They were upset, but there was nothing they could do about it. Clearly, someone had examined the Floyd County voting records and produced mail-in ballots for voters in rural conservative precincts who had not voted regularly, and either mailed the ballots in or deposited them in metro-Atlanta drop boxes. However, the turnout for the 2020 election was so large that these fraudulent mail-in ballots were revealed to everyone who had eyes to see.

In the November 2022 election I also voted in person, and I was surprised that the precinct workers were again all new faces, and instead of the usual friendliness I'd experienced in the past they were hostile and accusatory. I persisted and was able to cast my ballot and exit the building, but only after a supervisor had to explain to a worker that his imagined concerns were groundless. I do not know what to expect in this year's elections, but I am now convinced that the voting process in Georgia is completely corrupted. Eliminating the no-excuse absentee voting is a step in the right direction. But the legislature also must revoke authorization to use the electronic voting machines. If it's going to take weeks anyway after election night to "count the votes", there's no reason not to use paper ballots. At least then we'll have a secure, verifiable process that can't easily be manipulated.

Finally, in state and national elections, no Georgia precincts should be allowed to report results early until ALL are ready to report statewide. Then all should report at once. This will prevent certain infamous counties from delaying their reporting while they manufacture enough fraudulent votes to offset perceived statewide deficits. Respectfully,

Phil Boylan
Silver Creek GA

Email Subject: Allow no-excuse absentee voting!!
Email Sender: Marcia P
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely, A Concerned Voter

Marcia Pauly
Stone Mt.

Email Subject: Please Vote NO to eliminate "No excuse" absentee voting!
Email Sender: Barrie Hartman
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

My name is Barrie Hartman and I am a resident of the state of Georgia, County of Cherokee, city of Woodstock.

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. As a Georgia voter who has used absentee voting in the past, I can appreciate firsthand the need for this voting option due to personal circumstances (surgery-related immobility, work travel) that would have prevented voting in-person.

It has been proven that no-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. Eliminating this option would be a detriment to ALL voters and move our state backwards in the progress of providing viable access to all eligible voters.

Why would anyone want to make it more difficult to vote? Voting is a right of all US citizens. Impairing ones ability to do so should not be part of improving our overall democracy.

I urge you to vote NO on the proposal to eliminate "No excuse" absentee voting.

Sincerely,

Barrie A. Hartman
Woodstock, Georgia

Email Subject: Comment on Absentee voting
Email Sender: Katie Fahs
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Katherine W. Fahs. -registered Georgia Voter

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Katie Fahs
xxxx@xxxx
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: No-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Melissa

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Greetings, members of the State Elections Board.

I write to ask that you keep no-excuses absentee voting, as it has been critical to my ability to vote over the last three years. In that time, I've cared for my mother after a critical injury, which she eventually succumbed to, and in the last year, for my husband, who has needed three spine surgeries in order to keep walking. I could not be away from either of them long enough to vote, and am too young to qualify for the age-restricted permanent absentee voting. I have never missed an election in my adult life, but almost certainly would have without no-excuses absentee voting. This change will only narrow voting access, and not improve it.

Warm regards,

Melissa Manrow
Smoke Rise, GA

Email Subject:
Email Sender: Jonathan Schneer
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Schneer
(Decatur, GA)

Email Subject: Reject proposed No-Absentee Voting in Georgia
Email Sender: Annette Carnow
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Annette and Barry Carnow
Skidaway Island

Sent from Gmail Mobile

Email Subject: Please keep no-excuse absentee voting!
Email Sender: Kate King
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I urge you to reject the proposal to do away with no-excuse absentee voting.

Absentee voting is an excellent way to allow more Georgians to vote. Those who work odd hours, are stuck at home with small kids, need extra time because of language difficulties, or have difficulty getting to the polls for any reason are enfranchised by this procedure, and would be disenfranchised if it's taken away.

Also, making a major procedural change like this two months into an election year, and a month before our presidential primary, would put an enormous burden on election offices.

Making this change would send a clear message to Georgia voters that you want to make it harder for them to cast their ballots. I hope you won't do that.

Sincerely,
Kathleen King
Decatur
A concerned voter

Email Subject: Comment on absentee voting proposal
Email Sender: Quinn Eastman
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

Please reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. This proposal is motivated by paranoid ideology rather than facts. Absentee voting is safe and secure. The state of Georgia has years of experience with it. The majority of states use no-excuse absentee voting. Making this change to our electoral process during a significant election year would be confusing and disruptive, and it would impact minority voters more. Perhaps that is the intent. Please reject this proposal.

Sincerely,

Quinn Eastman
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Decatur, GA

Email Subject: Protect No-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Deborah Timberlake
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I'm writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. Restricting this popular and secure method of casting ballots will created more barriers to equal access to the polls. There is no reasonable explanation for this proposal. It is not the purpose of the State Election Board to make voting more difficult for Georgia voters. This proposal does just that.

Please do not allow this assault on voter rights.

Sincerely,

Deborah Timberlake

Email Subject: REJECT: proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting

Email Sender: Yolanda Alvarado Sanchez
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Yolanda

Yolanda Alvarado-Sanchez

Pronouns: she/her
xxxx@xxxx
xxxx@xxxx
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Jan Ferrara
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely, Jan Ferrara, A Concerned Voter

Email Subject: Proposal to get rid of no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Kerry Rosen
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear State Board of Elections members,
I am a full-time Georgia resident, having lived here on Tybee for 14 years. I participate in every election that is held, either in-person when I am here or absentee when I am traveling. I take my voting seriously and want to have elections that are secure and can be trusted. But I also want everyone to have full and convenient access to this process.
I urge you to reject the proposal to eliminate no-excuse absentee voting. It has been proven to be a safe, secure, AND accessible way for lots of voters in Georgia to cast their ballots! Many of us find it convenient and trustworthy. There is no reason to get rid of a system that works well and has done so for many years. What a backwards step for our state.
You should be working to make voting easier for all voters, not harder. What a terrible message to send by putting up obstacles to our access to the ballot box. The Sate of Elections should be encouraging all eligible voters to vote, not hindering them without evidence that the current system is rife with fraud. Please vote NO on this proposal presented by Dr. Johnson!
Best regards,
Kerry Rosen
Tybee Island, GA
Sent from my iPad

Email Subject: Georgia State Elections Board
Email Sender: Jack G. Burgin Sr.
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Jack G. Burgin
CW3, USA, Retired

Email Subject: Concerned voter
Email Sender: Cici Coffee
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely, A Concerned Voter Cici Cassandra Coffee

Email Subject: Please keep no excuse absentee voting!
Email Sender: Betsy Schwalbach
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Betsy Schwalbach
DeKalb County Voter

Email Subject: Protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Glen Paul Freedman
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Glen Paul Freedman
Georgia Voter, Fulton County

Email Subject: Keep no excuse absentee ballots
Email Sender: Clare Schexnyder
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

The state of Georgia must keep no excuse absentee ballots as is. When my Mom was dying, it allowed me to make sure my vote was counted. Same thing during the pandemic!

Thanks,
Clare Schexnyder
Decatur, GA
Sent from my iPhone
Please excuse any typos

Email Subject: Keep no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Cynthia Maude
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I urge members of the state election board to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. Why?

In a rural county such as Fannin County, where I served over six years on the local election board, many people have limited incomes and work two or more jobs, work long hours, and have children to care for. Many of them commute to work. For them—and I know any number of such people—being able to vote by absentee ballot lets them vote. Otherwise, they likely wouldn't.

I know others who don't have a car, or barely can afford the gas it takes to get them to work. Being able to mail in their absentee ballots means the difference between voting and not voting.

Georgia has had almost 20 years of no-excuse absentee voting, and it's something to be proud of. It makes voting more accessible to all voters, not just the old and sick. I know that is your aim as state election board members.

Thanks you for reading my comments, and for the important work you do.

Yours,
Cynthia Maude
Morganton, Georgia

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: No-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Valerie Gilbert
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Valerie Gilbert
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Pine Lake, GA

Email Subject: Save no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Wesley Stewart
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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A Concerned Voter

T Wesley Stewart

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Johns Creek, GA

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Email Subject: I Oppose Ending No-Excuse Absentee Voting

Email Sender: Berne Poliakoff

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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I'm a senior but I still have the right to vote. Keep voting safe and accessible for seniors!

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Email Sender: Faithe Kyburz
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

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Email Subject: Absentee voting
Email Sender: Preeti Jaggi
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear State Election Board members,

Democracy is vitally important, and I believe that all people deserve a right to vote. I am a physician and see patients in the hospital who have unexpected medical needs and are often confined to their homes. I believe that these people need the access to vote.

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Sincerely, A Concerned Physician and Voter

Preeti Jaggi, M.D.

Email Subject: Keep absentee ballots!
Email Sender: Science with HK
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Why are we, as Republicans, but standing strong? I remember the days when we were proud of meeting the Gold Standard of Voting, as a flyer from our then Secretary of State Kemp proudly proclaimed. There is nothing wrong with absentee voting. President Trump has submitted absentee ballots! Absentee ballots are just as secure. Why on God's green earth would we make voting difficult for people who work long shifts, our elderly or disabled, or any of our citizens? There is a disabled veteran in my neighborhood. How dare anyone try to take away his chance to vote! My husband works second shift and had a difficult time getting to the polls on election day. How dare anyone try to take away his chance to vote. I am dismayed at how far our party is straying. Keep strong for democracy!

Email Subject: REJECT the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting —> Vote NO
Email Sender: garrinevan
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Yours truly,
Garrin Hirschhorn
Atlanta, Georgia

Email Subject: Please Keep No-excuse Absentee Voting!

Email Sender: Cathy Bruce

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

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Please don't embarrass us Georgians by taking a big step backwards.

Sincerely,

Catherine Bruce
A Concerned Voter

Email Subject: keep no-excuse absentee voting

Email Sender: Doner, Richard

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

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Sincerely,

Rick Doner - A Concerned Voter

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Atlanta GA

Email Subject: No-excuse absentee voting- Keep it!

Email Sender: Kathy Traylor

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

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Sincerely,
Kathleen C Traylor
A Concerned Voter
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Wanda
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: February 12, State Election Board,

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Sincerely, A Concerned Voter
Wanda M. White

Email Subject: Don't end "no excuse" absentee
Email Sender: D Parkman
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I am a Georgia voter. I am strongly in favor of no excuse absentee ballot voting. Don't force us to stand in long lines for hours or to miss work to exercise our right to vote. Voting shouldn't be an endurance test.

As our State elections representatives, you should working to make voting more accessible not less.

Diane Parkman
Decatur, GA

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Please reject proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Jen Singh
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely, a concerned voter,
Jennifer Singh

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Jen Singh Fine Artist
painter + dreamer
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Email Subject: Absentee Voting Access
Email Sender: Sue Mager
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to request that you NOT approve the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

Placing limitations would only restrict access to vote. We should be encouraging everyone to vote, and not make voting more difficult for voters.

The current non-excuse absentee voting has been in place as long as I have voted here in Georgia, and people who cannot travel or get to the poll during the limited hours of operation should not be prevented from voting. Also, folks who are accustomed to vote by absentee ballot will likely be planning to continue to do so, and may not be aware that they even have to change.

I have witnessed the validation process work well in Hall County. Each absentee ballot is carefully checked in and tracked to eliminate any possibility of fraudulent ballots. Where is the data that shows that the current system requires changing? It certainly does not appear to me to be a source of fraudulent votes.

I know that many states allow no-excuse absentee ballots, and several states are even expanding the access to encourage all people to vote by mail-in ballot. Why can't Georgia be a leader in encouraging everyone to vote and making it easier to vote their preferences? That should be one of the key objectives of the State Election Board - to strive to get a higher percentage of eligible voters to vote in all elections.

Thank you for considering my request, and I hope you will vote against the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

Sincerely,

Sue Mager
(An active voter)

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Email Subject: No Excuse Voting Must Continue
Email Sender: Jonathan Hillyer
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I urge you to reject the proposal to end no excuse voting. Because no excuse voting is safe and secure, taking that right away would tell the citizens of Georgia, the US and the world that you're trying to make it harder for people to vote AND that you're afraid of the people for whom this no excuse is so helpful, particularly African American voters. It would say that you believe that only the privileged should be allowed to vote, privileged white people like myself.

I thank you in advance for rejecting the proposal to end no excuse voting.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Hillyer

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Reject No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Camille Harvey
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Camille C. Harvey

Camille C. Harvey Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Absentee voting rule changes
Email Sender: M B
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Members of the State Election Board -

As an acknowledged and proud senior citizen, I am disheartened that you would consider making it more difficult for me to cast my ballot. For several reasons and years, I have found it necessary to vote absentee. I am quite proud of my voting record and I sure do want that record to end because of a senseless change of policy.

Despite recent attempts to prove otherwise, there has never been a problem with absentee ballot voting integrity. It is a legitimate and practical way for people that have difficulty getting to the polls to exercise their Constitutional privilege to vote.

Georgia is a very important "swing" voting state. Every vote counts in every election - local, state, and national. Changing the rules would feel like a punishment for being old!

Please do not change the rules so that my voting record changes or ends.

Mary Bell
xxxxxxxxxx
Avondale Estates, GA

Please reconsider and do not change the rules.

Email Subject: Elimination of Non-Excuse Absentee Ballots
Email Sender: Juan J. Rivero
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Juan J Rivero
Concerned Voter

Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS

Email Subject: Reject end of no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Beth Levine
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear State Election Board Members,

I am writing to express my concern with and opposition to the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

Georgia has nearly 20 years of positive experience with no-excuse absentee voting, a record I am proud of and hope you are as well. Doing away with this voting option is contrary to our goals of increased voter participation. More and more citizens have been availing themselves of this option as it has been reliably safe and secure.

Additionally, changing the process in the midst of this significant election year will not only confuse voters, but also present an unnecessary burden to election staff. There will be countless hours spent changing the procedures, training staff, and responding to citizen questions. Staff is sufficiently spread thin at this point and adding these tasks will only make it worse, when there is absolutely no need to do so.

Please do not make it harder for the good citizens of Georgia to vote. Please do not take our state backward in the voting access arena. Please vote against the elimination of no-excuse absentee voting and in doing so, support the practice of democracy in Georgia. I thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Levine
DeKalb County resident

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Melanie Taylor
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dr. Johnson,

I voted absentee during Covid and it protected my health. Absentee voting with no excuse means that more people get to vote. Last minute illness, car problems, etc., preclude a long qualifying process.

Thank you,
Melanie Taylor

Email Subject: VOTE NO on Proposal to end No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Pam Hubbard
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the GA State Election Board:

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting to the Georgia General Assembly. No excuse absentee voting has been proven with numerous audits and recounts to be safe, secure and accessible for many Georgians casting their ballots.

This proposal to change current law back to O.C.G.A Section 21-2-380, the law before 2009, is based on the continued unfounded and unproven lies that unfortunately many Georgians have adopted as their beliefs about voting.

I am calling out this proposal for what it is: A Political MAGA Republican maneuver to limit access to the ballot, therefore suppressing the voting rights of many Georgians. This proposal makes the Georgia State Election Board complicit in suppressing the vote, violating their sacred non-partisan duty in making voting accessible, safe, and unburdensome to all Georgians.

Prior to 2020, Republicans fully supported no-excuse absentee ballots. That changed with the Pandemic, when Georgia Voters discovered how safe, easy, and convenient absentee ballot voting otherwise known as Voting By Mail was. Voting was so successful and safe in 2020 (audits and recounts confirmed), that the Georgia General Assembly found it necessary to change absentee ballot time frames and decrease accessibility of drop boxes to appease the Election Deniers/MAGA Republicans in SB202.

Evidently SB202 has not had the intended results that MAGA Republicans demanded of Georgia Legislators. Hence now, this proposal to end no excuse absentee voting is being considered.

I urge each one of you to VOTE NO on the proposal. Honor your position on the Georgia State Election Board by supporting accessible, safe, and convenient voting for all Georgians.

Respectfully,
Pamela Hubbard
Georgia Voter
Lowndes County, Georgia

Email Subject: Continue No-Excuse Absentee Voting

Email Sender: bwdale
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

- Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.
- Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.
- Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it.
- 36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.
- Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.
- Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely, A Concerned Voter
Barbara Warshaw Dale
Decatur, Ga

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Comment on Proposal to Change No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Andrea Baerwalde
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

- * Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.
- * I much prefer to use absentee voting instead of voting in person. Part of this is because I feel like this is a hand marked paper ballot that can be counted and verified better than a machine marked ballot. I always drop my ballot off in person at the elections office and feel like my vote is more secure this way.
- * Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.
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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter

Andrea Baerwalde
Georgia
Paulding County,
xxx-xxx-xxxx
The information contained in this email is confidential and is intended for the addressee only. If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the sender and delete all copies of this message and any attachments. Thank you.

Email Subject: No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Kim Mitchell
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To whom it may concern,
Please do not take away to voice of voters by taking away our opportunity to cast our vote.

For some people the Absentee vote is the best way to have our voices heard. If we are to be a true democracy, this opportunity should not be taken away.

As a person who has been voting since 1986, it frustrates me to see that there are people who should be working for Americans who are actually working against us. This should not be.

A concerned citizen,
KM Mitchell

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Absentee Voting Proposal
Email Sender: Janet Martin
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots.

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Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. Georgia has nearly

twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards.

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Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely,

Janet Lane Martin
Atlanta, Georgia
xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: KEEP no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Amy Landesberg
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

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Sincerely,

Amy Landesberg, RA, leed ap bd+c
xxxx@xxxx
www.xxxxx.xxx
xxx-xxx-xxxx c

Email Subject: Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Lolethia Chapman
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

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Sincerely,
A Registered Voter

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From Desk:

Lolethia A. Chapman, J.D. MBA

Email Subject: Protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Victoria Trinies
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for Georgia voters like me to cast our ballots.

Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backward on it. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia.

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier. Please keep voting accessible to all registered voters!

Sincerely,
Victoria Trinies
A Concerned Voter

Email Subject: Secure Elections in Georgia
Email Sender: Sharon G
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I try to stay on top of information regarding elections and the potential for fraud. There were way too many deviations in the way the 2020 election was handled primarily due to covid. That is no longer an issue, so we need to secure our elections now more than ever. It's taken a while, but election fraud is still being uncovered. I'm appalled when I see things like this:

I'm also appalled at the length Brad Raffensperger went to misconstrue that famous call with Trump: Raffensperger Distorted Georgia Law After I Uncovered Illegal Votes

Why does Raffensperger refuse to testify under oath?
<xxxx.xxx>

Raffensperger Distorted Georgia Law After I Uncovered Illegal Votes
Mark Davis
Raffensperger's general counsel sent xxxxx.xxx a 'legal analysis' that attempted to discredit my analysis of...

Then there's this:

Where is the report from the supposed audit that was done? Or was it?
xxxxx://xxxxx/xxxxx

Is it not a conflict of interest that Brian Kemp's Chief of Staff works for Dominion?

Serious vulnerabilities were found in Georgia's Dominion ImageCast X ballot marking devices:
xxxxx://xxxxx/xxxxx
It's been determined in court in front of a judge that Dominion machines can be accessed remotely and hacked. That is not the promise Dominion made and raises serious issues about the vulnerability of the machines.

I could go on and on. Bottom line is we need to do a MUCH better job of securing Georgia elections NOW.

We need paper ballots and secure hand counts with massive supervision from both sides of the aisle.

Sincerely,

Sharon Gipson
Resident of Gwinnett County

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting termination
Email Sender: Peter Cohen
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

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- * Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.
- * Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely,
Peter Cohen
xxxxxxxxx
Atlanta,

Email Subject: Proposal to Eliminate No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Margaret Hayman
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. The many safeguards Georgia has placed on no-excuse absentee voting make it a safe, secure, and accessible way for our voters to cast their ballot. It is the option favored by many Georgians. In fact in the 2022 midterm nearly 250,000 ballots were cast by mail. It has been in use here for nearly 20 years. Changing this procedure in the middle of a national election year would place an impossible burden on already overworked county election workers and would cause

terrible confusion among voters of all parties who because of health, travel, work, or other obligations rely on absentee voting.

We in Georgia should be proud of the success of no excuse absentee voting in making the vote more accessible to our citizens. We should not go backwards. Thirty-six states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will adopt it. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting its use will have a bigger impact voters of color in the state of Georgia since here it is used more by Asian American and Black voters.

By eliminating no excuse absentee voting, the Board would be telling Georgia voters that the Board wants to make it harder for them to vote. We should be encouraging all Georgia citizens to exercise their right to vote by voting more accessible

Sincerely,
A Concerned Georgia Voter

Margaret Hayman
Decatur, GA

Email Subject: Proposal to eliminate No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: bruce johnston
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting because absentee voting is safe, secure, and effective for many voters. Doing away with no excuse absentee voting will present an immense challenge for election officials and resources, which are already strained. It will increase lines and wait times at polling places, which is already an issue in many precincts, even with the early voting option. It will cause widespread voter confusion. Our state has a nearly two-decades history with no-excuse absentee voting with very few, if any, problems associated with it. We should be proud of that record rather than retreating from it. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting those who can utilize that option to vote will greatly impact older voters and those with physical disabilities a great deal--I know because I fall into that category.

Please retain no-excuse absentee voting available to all who abide by the ID restrictions already in place for that method of voting, keeping it safe and secure.

Thank you for your consideration.
Carole H. Johnston, an ardent Georgia voter.

Email Subject: Protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Ray Hom
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to suggest you REJECT the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots.

I travel often for my work and typically may not know in advance if/when I will be in town to be able to vote. The dates are dependent on when my clients require my attendance in person. So, having strict requirements to request an absentee ballot will increase my chances of not being able to cast my vote should I be called out of town at the last minute, etc.

As an Asian American, I am extremely concerned about this proposal as it will impact our AANHPI community. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.

Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is a favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail. Why would you want to eliminate this option and take GA backwards?

Furthermore, applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.

Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backward on it.

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Best,
Ray Hom
A Concerned Voter

Email Subject: Comment on Board Consideration of "No-Excuse Absentee Voting"
Email Sender: Ethan Compton
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Good afternoon,

I am reaching out as a concerned county elections official in response to proposed suggested changes to the requirements to apply for an absentee by mail ballot.

After assisting my grandmother who is staying with us temporarily with navigating the steps required to apply for an absentee by mail ballot from Tennessee, a state which requires a reason to be provided to obtain an absentee by mail ballot, I can attest that the process adds additional difficulties which, if an elections official were not assisting her with the process, would have discouraged her from voting altogether.

In addition to being more difficult to complete the application itself and due to needing to contain the list of reasons, the design of the application itself is a poorly spaced wall of text that is borderline illegible and due to the space constraints, would be unable to fit the additional identity verifications fields included to our state's absentee by mail applications post- SB202.

As an individual who has almost exclusively voted via absentee by mail due to living in a county outside my jurisdiction, Georgia has reached the proper balance of security and accessibility with the current application format, requiring the same level of identity verification as undergone with individuals who cast their vote in person, except to a degree that that verification is performed prior to the acceptance of the application, (in my office) at the time of ballot issuance, and at the time of the ballot's return and certification.

With the regular auditing of ballots and application counts performed in the weeks leading up to any given election, I would attest that absentee by mail and early voting are the two most secure methods of voting, as the hectic timeframes and busy environment surrounding Election Days create a scenario more conducive to human errors occurring.

The added space required to add confirmation of a reason to vote by mail would lead to our absentee by mail ballot applications becoming unable to fit on one sheet of paper, as they are able to do so currently.

The requirements to request an absentee by mail ballot during 2020 were too lax and the identity verification procedures in place were insufficient, but Georgia has learned and already adapted to these concerns, including an almost complete rewriting of the absentee voting section of elections code after the passage of SB202, which led to all those pressing concerns being addressed.

If my pleas to disregard this suggested change entirely are ignored, please consider these additional concerns with how the proposal is written:

(1)"Was required to be absent from his or her precinct during the time of the primary or election he or she desired to vote in;" is vague- the voter was required by whom or what reason to be absent? This could, in effect, be a loophole to be utilized to continue in essence no excuse absentee voting even if this proposal is passed and legislation formed based on this text.

(6) "Was 75 years of age or older;" This age limit is too restrictive. The qualification for "elderly" designation for the ballot request opt-in for the remainder of the election cycle as it stands in elections code is 65

While I greatly appreciate this proposed text including elections officials such as myself as one of the allowed excuses, I am vehemently opposed to the removal of no excuse absentee voting, especially in the middle of a heated presidential elections cycle where the sudden shift will disenfranchise voters and flood our offices, your docket and the courts with mountains of complaints. In addition, the proposal as written contradicts other sections of Georgia Elections Code and in my professional opinion requires more extensive research and review prior to a vote.

Drastic changes such as these are what I would consider to be "Odd-Year Topics" which should be discussed extensively early in an odd numbered year, passed by legislation or ruling in the summer of said year so that

best practices can be developed and tested during smaller Municipal Elections where fewer voters would be impacted if the passed legislation produces a negative effect on the voting process and corrective action can be set into place prior to the elections taking place on an even numbered year.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ethan Compton
Election Supervisor
Irwin County, Georgia
xxxx@xxxx
xxx-xxx-xxxx Office
xxx-xxx-xxxx Fax

Email Subject: No excuse
Email Sender: Suzanne Crenshaw
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Sent from my iPhone
•Please do not eliminate no excuse absentee voting. 36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.
Suzanne Crenshaw
xxxxxxxxxx
Decatur, GA

Email Subject: Please REJECT proposal to eliminate no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Chris Van Beneden
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To the Members of the State Election Board,
I am asking you, as a Georgia voter, to please REJECT the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is safe and good for Georgia.
If this proposal is accepted, making this change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause a HUGE burden on election officials and will confuse voters. Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it.
If this proposal passes, Georgia will regress...move backwards! Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.
Very sincerely,

Chris Van Beneden

Email Subject: Proposal to Eliminate "No Excuse" Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Tom and Christi Granger
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

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Sincerely, Christi S. Granger, a concerned voter
xxxxxxxxx
Avondale Estates, GA

Email Subject: Proposed Change to Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Sarah Caldwell
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board

I urge you to reject the proposed change in absentee voting. With the Georgie primary less than a month away, any change will be expensive and difficult.

Beyond the immediate effect, the long-term effect is pernicious. It discriminates against those with those who must work odd hours or far from home or who lack dependable transportation. It is well and good to say, "Oh, if a person really wants to vote, s/he can get time off from work to go," but that ignores the whip hand of the employer. The people most likely to be affected by these hours or having to wait until a son or daughter with those hours can drive them to the polls are low-income, possibly minorities. Does Georgia really want to discourage these groups from voting?

The discrimination also works against the infirm. I don't use disabled, because I'm not disabled, but at 69 years old, I'm somewhat infirm. I can walk a mile, but I can't stand still for 10 minutes without a backache. I

avoid lines at sports events, theme parks, and polling places because the time spent in the line is agony. I'm also in a financial situation that makes car ownership extravagant.

In the roughly 20 years since Georgia first allowed no-excuse absentee voting, we have been joined by a majority of the US states—36 at last count. To abolish it would be to move backwards, not a good thing with the many changes affecting work, transportation, and health over those 20 years.

Thank you for your consideration,
Concerned Voter, Sarah Tillery Caldwell

Email Subject: Please Reject Proposal to End No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Susan Neugent
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Members of the State Elections Board:

I am writing to you today to urge you to reject the proposal that seeks to end no-excuse absentee voting.

Sincerely,
Susan Neugent
Georgia Native
Consistent Voter Since 1972

Susan E. Neugent
Cell xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Absentee ballot
Email Sender: Karen Brooks
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Sent from my iPhone

It is important to maintain the absentee ballot. Many of those that are ill or sick cannot get to the polls. All the seniors & military also depend on absentee ballots.

Email Subject: Absentee Ballots
Email Sender: Christy Karp

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing to let you know that I strongly oppose ending no excuse absentee voting. Making it possible for more registered Georgia voters to easily vote should be a non-partisan issue that everyone in the state can get behind.
Thanks for your consideration.

Christine Karp
xxxxxxxxx
Roswell, GA

Sent from my iPad

Email Subject: No excuse absentee ballots
Email Sender: Catherine Carter
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I am writing because I oppose the elimination of use "No excuse absentee ballots"
This has been in use for years with no problem and has been used by minority voters and those who have less access to polling sites.
I needed it myself when I had had major surgery and was unable to go out to vote. I did not know in advance that this would be a problem.
Please reconsider this change to voting access.
Thank you.
Catherine Carter
xxxxxxxxx
Decatur GA

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject:
Email Sender: Alice J Delaney
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Please do not eliminate no-excuse absentee voting. It is crucial for voting rights. Thank you
Alice Delaney

Email Subject: Absentee Voting is a Right!

Email Sender: Sally Walker
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to please reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

Absentee Voting is essential for those who are ill, away at school or traveling. Plus many who have limited access to transportation. Proving they meet the criteria will add a burden to the voters and a costly burden to our government to monitor.

Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.

Sincerely,

Sally Walker
Avondale Estates, GA

Email Subject: Vote NO on ending current No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Kathryn Grant
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Kathryn Grant
xxxxxxxxx
Albany, GA

Email Subject: Absentee Ballots
Email Sender: Chris Kinney
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,

Christopher Kinney
xxxxxxxxx
Atlanta, GA

A Concerned Voter

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Email Subject: Reject the no-excuse proposal!
Email Sender: Anne Isenhower
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely, Anne Isenhower, Principal, Anne Isenhower Communications LLC, xxx-xxx-xxxx, xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: Protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Tara Coyt
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,

Tara Coyt
Georgia Voter

Email Subject: Protect absentee voting
Email Sender: barbara gray
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

PLEASE reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting, which enables Georgia voters to cast their ballot regardless of circumstances, which are sometimes unexpected.

All records indicate that absentee voting is safe, and nothing except political motivation suggests its use should be changed in any way. Georgia has administered no-excuse absentee voting for almost 20 years, and there's no reason to change it. Doing so would have an impact on many voters but particularly those of color in our state. Surely no one has racist reasons for impeding the vote.

Thank you for reading my concerns.

Sincerely,
Barbara Gray
Decatur, GA

Email Subject: proposed elimination of absentee voting
Email Sender: ELIZABETH SHACKELFORD
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am shocked by the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. This is a really important way for many Georgians to vote. Lots of voters use this method, and there is absolutely no reason other than partisan politics to change it.

Yes, partisan politics. Republicans in Georgia are doing everything they can to suppress voting. It appears these efforts are due to Republicans becoming aware that there are more voters of color in Georgia, and the assumption that they always vote Democratic.

This is a sad commentary for Georgia. The secretary of state's office and the legislature should b working to make voting easier and more accessible, not deny hundreds of thousands of voters a safe, effective way to vote.

Disrupting voting processes in the middle of a presidential election year is foolish.

Please stop this ridiculous push to disenfranchise Georgia voters. Do the right thing.

Elizabeth Shackelford
xxxx@xxxx
The price of apathy towards public affairs is to be ruled by evil men. - Plato

Email Subject: Protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Leslie Mullis
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Stop trying to make it harder to vote. There is no data or facts that support the elimination of No excuse absentee voting.

Please keep no excuse absentee voting.

Leslie Mullis
xxxxxxxxx
Atlanta, GA

Email Subject: Protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Linda Agnello
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

As a disabled voter, voting in person is becoming more challenging, especially since my polling location changed and I have a longer, more difficult walk at the new location.

I qualify for an absentee ballot now, but will continue to vote in person as long as I can.

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting, especially in the middle of a presidential election year. Georgia should be making it more accessible and safer to vote. With around twenty years of experience with no-excuse voting and over thirty other states using it, Georgia should not eliminate it and cause problems for voters.

Sincerely,

Linda Agnello.

Sent from Gmail Mobile

Email Subject: Proposal to eliminate no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Brenda Walker
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing on behalf of the citizens of Georgia, myself, and my 90-year-old mother to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots.

My mother's voting place was changed, and she had to walk more with her cane to get to the voting area for the last run-off election. In addition, the new voting location is further away from her home. Absentee voting is what he is requesting now.

Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.

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Sincerely,

Brenda S. Walker
Atlanta, Georgia

Email Subject: Absentee Voting in Georgia
Email Sender: Julia Bassett
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

Please REJECT the recent proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting in our state. It is vitally important that Georgia make voting as accessible as possible for ALL of its citizens. Every review and recount of voting in our state has shown that our elections have NOT been subject to substantial fraud and that Georgia's election system is one of the most secure in the nation. No-excuse absentee voting is PROVEN to be safe and secure and should remain an option for Georgia voters.

This is not a close call. Do the right thing and keep no-excuse absentee voting an option in our state.

Thank you for reading my email.

Sincerely,
Julia L. Bassett
Atlanta, GA

Typos and brevity by iPhone.

Email Subject: Please retain no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Ruth Shults
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Ruth Shults
xxxxxxxxx
Decatur, Georgia

Troubler Meeting
Sunday February 18

Ruth Shults
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Reject proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Deedee Murphy
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To the members of the State Election Board,

I am concerned that the proposal put forth by Dr. Janice Johnson to eliminate no-excuse absentee voting is ill guided and will result in further disenfranchising the voters who cannot make it to the polls for what ever reason, be it travel, work, lack of childcare, illness, lack of transportation or anything else.

As a concerned voter, I believe that every person has a right to vote and it should be upon the Election Board to ensure that his or her right is fulfilled. It is my belief that this proposal will inhibit the ability to perform a free and fair election for all.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Murphy

Email Subject: Election integrity
Email Sender: David Sacerdote
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Thank you for opening up this line of communication with the public.

The Halderman report verified that the machines are the root cause of all the problems in the elections. This is not just a Georgia problem, but a nationwide one. We MUST go back to same day, paper ballot voting. The only exception for mail in voting should be military and verified disabled people. This is an easy, sensible, cost effective change to secure our elections.

Thank you,

David Sacerdote

Sent from my iPad

Email Subject: Please Do NOT End No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: kristin Clyde
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Thank you for reading my email.

Sincerely,
Kristin Ramsey Clyde
Atlanta, GA

Email Subject: Protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Matt Hoffman
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

Please reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. Georgia has many years of experience showing us that this method of voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots. The scrutiny of Georgia's voting process was immense after the past presidential election further proving the sanctity of our current voting process.

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Sincerely,
A Voting Georgian,
Matt Hoffman

Email Subject: Elimination of no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Carol Hanner
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Members of the Election Board. It has come to my attention that you are seeking to eliminate the No Excuse absentee voting. I live in a 300 unit Sr Living facility. The majority of the residence (mostly registered Republicans) vote by absentee ballot. I strongly object to this action.

Carol Hanner
xxxxxxxandy Springs, Ga
30328

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Keep Early Voting No-Excuses
Email Sender: Beverly Gunter
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,

Beverly R Gunter

A Concerned Voter

Email Subject: Eliminating no excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Janice Wall
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I beg you not to eliminate no excuse absentee voting. This will affect a large portion of people of color, those who are sick and cannot get to the polls and many more. Democracy must be OPEN to the public to remain a democracy.

Thank you
Janice Wall
xxxxxxxxx
Atl.

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Kimberly Berger
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board

I live in the mountains of Fannin County in North Georgia. I believe that full access to the ability to vote and have our voices heard is very important to Democracy. Please do not make voting more difficult by eliminating "no excuse voting". My wife and I travel and not always home when its time to vote. In addition, its necessary for College students as well as people stationed abroad or out of the Country. Please do not eliminate "no excuse" absentee voting.

Richard Johnson
Fannin County Georgia

Email Subject: Ending "No Excuse" absentee ballots
Email Sender: Heather Hallett
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Hello,

Thank you in advance for taking my public comment on this proposed resolution to eliminate no-excuse absentee ballots. This has me just shaking my head in dismay.

As found in the resolution, the major rationale for this change is quoted below;

"WHEREAS, absentee voting in Georgia has led to numerous complaints from the public and the numerous reported errors are undermining public faith in the integrity of elections in Georgia;"

It is pertinent to point out that public faith in the integrity of elections in Georgia has been systematically and purposefully attacked by partisan politicians who have a vested interest in suppressing voter turnout. This step by the State Election Board is aiding these partisan political interests and ignoring the public good of increasing voter turnout and eliminating barriers to voting. Greater turnout and higher participation are boons for democracy, even if they represent a threat to certain politicians. As an apparatus of the government, your interest should be in expanding democracy, not caving to political pressure.

No excuse absentee ballots work beautifully in other states and they also worked quite well in Georgia, despite the evidence-free opinions of people who complained to you. There is no substantial voter fraud in Georgia, as has been communicated quite forcefully by the Secretary of State and his staff.

This is a great example of the tail wagging the dog and makes Georgia look and feel backward. In short, boo-hiss! We are better than this and I wish that you all would rise above this nonsense and allow no-excuse absentee balloting to continue in Georgia for the good of democracy.

Thank you kindly,

Heather Hallett
Atlanta, GA

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Voting!
Email Sender: Lisa Green-Clopton
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Lisa Green-Clopton

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: sandy hedrick

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to strongly urge you to reject the proposal that seeks to eliminate no excuse absentee voting requiring voters to meet a strict set of requirements in order to request an absentee ballot.

As an elderly woman this causes great concern for me individually as well as my community.

Eliminating no excuse absentee voting communicates to me that my State Election Board wants to make harder for me and many others to vote.

This would be a huge regression for the state of Georgia.

Sincerely,
Sandra Hedrick
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Keep no-excuse absentee voting!
Email Sender: Linda Logdberg
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. For people like me, who have children in other states and visit them and their families often, it is a necessity. In addition, it enables older voters like me, who sometimes can't get to the polls because of infirmity, to vote. Voting is my right.

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- Georgia already has a nationwide reputation as one of the hardest states in which to vote. I'm ashamed of this reputation. Let us be a beacon of democracy instead of a sink of restriction of this most basic right.

Thank you,

Linda Logdberg, PhD

Email Subject: No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: davidmashley98
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board:

I am appalled that there has been a recent proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. This is an imaginary problem dreamed up by Trumpists to stop legitimate voters from voting! Our own Secretary of State has repeatedly stated the FACT that there was no significant election fraud in recent Georgia elections. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters – in particular elderly voters - to cast their ballot.

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Sincerely,
David Ashley, Chair
Gilmer County Democratic Committee

Email Subject: No excuse absentee ballots
Email Sender: Stanton Jones
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Please remove the no excuse absentee ballots.

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Email Subject: Vote NO to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Kathryn Harben
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

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A concerned voter

Decatur GA

Email Subject: Protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: daniel monahan
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

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Sincerely,
Dan Monahan

Email Subject: No-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: paticia howe
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

 To the members of the Georgia state election board:

After reading the proposal by Dr. Johnston, I feel compelled to write. The proposal seems to contain inaccurate or at least ill-defined statements which are presented as facts. I trust the board has access to substantiating documentation. I have used both absentee and early voting multiple times, and have been very appreciative of that opportunity. The previous method of restricted absentee voting did not adequately guarantee voter access. The need for absentee voting is often an emergency situation, which by definition cannot be planned for ahead of time. I can say from experience that when I was camped out in the cardiac intensive care unit following my husband's emergency open-heart surgery, I did not have the time, the energy or the mental bandwidth to even begin to consider how I might have tried to secure a ballot. No-excuse absentee voting does not seem to have caused significant problems, and has in fact enabled many members of my generation to have easy, secure voter access. This proposal solves no problems, risks multiple unintended consequences, and would increase the burden of an already over-burdened elderly population. Please don't do this.

Sincerely,
Patricia N. Howe
Registered and active voter for 50+ years

Email Subject: Protect No-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Pat Byrd
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. We need a system that encourages people to vote rather than one that adds bureaucratic obstacle after obstacle to the process.

- Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it.
- 36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter, Pat Byrd

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H. Patricia Byrd

Decatur, Georgia USA

Email Subject: Protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: hoffman5ga
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

My name is Cathy Hoffman. I have lived in Georgia since 2003, and voted nearly every election. Prior to 2003, I voted in New Jersey, Nebraska and Washington elections. I feel strongly it is a responsibility and privilege of EVERY citizen. There have been times due to work or caretaking that I was not physically able to be at the polls on election day. I highly valued the ability to cast my vote via Absentee Voting. In today's fast paced, dual income, traveling world; easy access to Absentee Voting is essential to getting citizens to vote. Voting is democracy, and democracy means voting!!

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots.

Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is a favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.

Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.

Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backward on it.

36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer. And ONCE AGAIN, Georgia will make a, " Top 10 WORST" list!

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact the elderly and voters of color in the state of Georgia.

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier. Than means.... less democracy!!

Sincerely,
A Concerned and Committed Voter

Cathy Hoffman
xxxxxxxxx
Johns Creek, GA

Email Subject: Urgent: Please Protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Paula Fagerberg
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,

Paula Fagerberg
Alpharetta

Email Subject: Proposed Absentee Ballot Change
Email Sender: Alida Silverman
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Members of the State Election Board of Georgia: Please do NOT pass the proposed change to voting by absentee ballot. What possible benefit would such a change have and for whom? Certainly not for us voters. It has become clearer and clearer that there is a contingent in the Georgia Legislature that leans toward putting obstacles in the way of citizens voting but I hope that the election board will not participate in such an effort when it can make the decision. Thank you for your attention. Alida C. Silverman, Atlanta-in-DeKalb.

Email Subject: Absentee Ballots
Email Sender: Sharon G
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Georgia State Elections Board members:

Thank you for volunteering your time to serve our state. As you know, former President Jimmy Carter wrote in a 2005 report of the Commission on Federal Election Reform that, 'Absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud.' Today, ballots and election materials are mailed without any form tracking to ensure delivery to the intended party. Law firms use process servers to ensure delivery of important documents and, if you were going to mail \$1,000 in cash to someone, you would definitely send it by United States Postal Service return receipt request or Restricted Delivery. In 2022, candidates for the Georgia U.S. Senate race spent \$870,000,000 or \$170 for each of Georgia's 5 million voters. Our ballots are not only sacred, they are worth money and they should be protected.

Please eliminate no excuse absentee by mail voting and require that all elector registration materials be sent with USPS tracking and ballots ONLY BE SENT BY USPS RESTRICTED DELIVERY. We must ensure secure elections and this is one small step in that direction.

Thank you again for your service to the voters of Georgia.

Sharon Gipson
Gwinnett County Resident

Email Subject: Absentee voting.
Email Sender: Trina Russell
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

My goodness. It just does not stop.
We continue this long struggle for justice and equality in this country.
Smith v. Allwright declared it unconstitutional to deny any citizen, regardless of race, from participating in primary elections (white primaries).
Is it necessary for citizens to again show up at the Fulton County Courthouse in protest.
It won't look like Trump's protest. We don't act like those people. They are not patriots. Blacks are, and always will be, patriots.
We just want a fair and just system.
I want an absentee ballot because I will be absent! Why do you need an excuse? I am a qualified registered voter.
It gets to be exhausting!
You know you're wrong.
Give up.
The end.

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Proposal
Email Sender: Marion Hatton
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

The proposal to end no-excuse absentee by mail voting will relieve so many of us from working unnecessary hours. I handle absentee by mail in my county, have stayed until the system goes down for maintenance to get all ballots out in the next days mail, just to have MANY of those voters return their ballot to vote in person. That's very disheartening to know that I have put so much time into doing the job to the best of my ability, keeping me away from my family, not getting enough rest myself, etc. then have that voter show up in person.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Marion G Hatton
Chair, Board of Elections and Registration
Jones County, Georgia
Gray, GA
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: ann parker
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Board Members:
As a busy professional I find the no-excuse absentee ballot very helpful in allowing me to exercise my right to

vote. Many times I meet with patients all day and in addition sometimes travel on election day. Removing this option would disenfranchise me resulting in the inability to exercise my right to vote under the State of Georgia and US constitutions.
I appreciate your attention to this critical issue that will affect me and many others.

Ann McKee Parker, Ph.D.

Email Subject: Public Comment
Email Sender: Anne Gray Herring
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

 Please see attached written public comment on behalf of Common Cause Georgia.

Thank you,

Anne Gray Herring
Policy Analyst
Common Cause Georgia
xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: Preserve no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Michael Martin
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

 Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

After decades of complacent, non-voting, the availability of no-excuse absentee voting has helped encourage many Georgians to participate and to cast their ballot. No-excuse absentee voting has helped reduce long lines at the polls as well as make it possible for some of our poll workers to cast their own ballots.

This method of voting has been in use in Georgia for twenty years. It has served us well and should continue to do so. I have yet to hear a reasonable, fact-based argument why it should not.

Sincerely,

Michael Martin

Email Subject: Keep no excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Joan Neal
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

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Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely,
Joan Neal
A Concerned Voter

Email Subject: "No-excuse" absentee voting
Email Sender: Valerie Kilpatrick
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To the State Election Board,
The proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting by is a sure way to disenfranchise voters for whom Mr Johnson appears to have little concern
This causes a huge and Expensive burden on election officials.
We will have voter confusion, and our state will once again embarrass itself with this backwards- thinking move to take the vote away from disrespected citizens.
This is a matter of integrity being set aside, hiding behind a false narrative about voting security.
Please reject this mean-spirited measure.
Valerie Kilpatrick

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Voters
Email Sender: KuWonna Ingram
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Please see the enclosed letter to oppose the elimination of the no excuse absentee voting.

Respectfully,

K. Ingram

Email Subject: Absentee Ballot
Email Sender: Sarita Dyer
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Sarita Dyer

Email Subject: Absentee Ballots
Email Sender: Joel Kantor
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. And you know it is. Georgia has one of the best records for voting integrity, and not because it is restrictive.

I am sure you have heard all the practical arguments against curtailing the use of no-excuse absentee voting so I will not repeat them again. The bottom line is that none of the logic concerns Dr. Johnston, he is only looking for a way to eliminate voters that he fears might vote against what he prefers.

Such an approach is not justified under the true sense of democracy, it is an attempt to tilt the playing field in his party's favor. If you can't win a fair fight, you fix the rules to favor your outcome. It's underhanded and very transparent, which is one of the reasons our government, both state and federal, is so dysfunctional. Plain and simple, he is afraid of a fair contest.

If you believe that your positions are what the people want, you have nothing to lose by letting everyone vote. If the people don't agree with you, then why should your positions become policy just because you have the ability to subvert the democratic process? This is Dr. Johnston's real agenda.

I urge you to set a better example for the rest of the country and quash another blatant attempt to disenfranchise many voters. It's the Board's job to keep the playing field level.

Sincerely,
Joel Kantor
A Concerned Voter

Email Subject:
Email Sender: Madeleine Soloway
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Madeleine Soloway

Email Subject: Please protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting!
Email Sender: Aleta Wolf
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear members of the State Election Board,

I understand that Dr. Johnston has proposed changing Georgia's no-excuse absentee voting law. I strongly oppose this change. Please vote against Dr. Johnston's proposal.
We should be making it easier for citizens to cast their ballot and make their voices heard, not making it harder!

I appreciate your consideration. Again, please oppose restricting Georgia's no excuse absentee voting.

Thank you!

Aleta Wolf
xxxxxxxxx
Atlanta, GA

Email Subject: Protect No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Sharon Robinson
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Sharon Robinson

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Denise Miles
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To the State Election Board:

Please do not do away with “no excuse” absentee voting.

My schedule is not always predictable. Absentee voting is the only way I can guarantee I’ll be able to vote.

Thank you,

Denise Miles

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Colleen Flanagan
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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A Concerned Voter

Colleen Flanagan

Thank you for your actions!!

Email Subject: Public comment on proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Dorothy LAST_NAME
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Dorothy Adams

Email Subject: Reject proposal for no-excuse absentee voting.
Email Sender: Helen Perry
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I strongly urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. This is an unnecessary barrier to people exercising their right to vote and risks communicating to Georgia voters that the State Election Board does not favor expanding the right to vote and instead wants to favor one set of voters over another.

Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it.

Indeed, The State of Georgia website informs voters that:

Absentee ballots are an option for registered voters who prefer not to vote in person. You do not need an excuse to request an absentee ballot. You must request an absentee ballot in order to receive one in the mail. Your County Registrar's Office must receive your ballot before the polls close on Election Day to be counted.

The right to vote is a constitutionally guaranteed right starting with Article xxxxxxxxxates Constitution. Many other laws and amendments have been passed in the history of our country and state mostly to protect the right to vote. Many states have expanded absentee voting to ensure citizens are not disenfranchised. In fact, 36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.

• Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.

• Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden and cost on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion and discouragement. Changing the absentee ballot procedures will require regulations that make transparent what exactly counts as an "excuse" for absentee voting. Questions will abound as to whether the accepted "excuses"

are fair and not intending to favor one set of voters over another.

- Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters. This is due in large part to work schedules, transportation challenges, disabilities, age, and time obligations that may prevent a voter from exercising their guaranteed right to vote.
- Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier. In the United States of America, we should be advancing the right to vote and not setting up needless barriers.

Sincerely,
Helen N Perry, Registered Voter and Taxpayer in DeKalb County
xxxxxxxxx
Dunwoody, GA

Email Subject: Proposal by Dr. Janice Johnston
Email Sender: Gunnemann, Jon P
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,

Jon P. Gunnemann

Email Subject: Reject Proposal to Eliminate No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Sally W Kann
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to strongly urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail, showing that this was the preferred voting option for many Georgians.

No-excuse absentee voting has been available since 2003, nearly twenty years, making Georgia one of the majority of states in the US to offer this voting option. A sudden procedural change during an election cycle will cause widespread voter confusion.

Restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In this state, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting will be a regression for the state of Georgia as it communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for people to participate in elections.

Please vote to reject this proposal.

Sally Kann

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Protect No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: RJ Berry
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. I am one of the GA voters who have used this method of voting for a number of years. I find it a safe and secure way to cast my ballot as did approximately 250,000 GA adults during the 2022 midterm elections. There are many additional reasons to not consider making any changes to absentee ballot voting in Georgia especially in the middle of a major election year. This will confuse voters and will cause an immense burden on election officials.

* Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it.

* Proposing the elimination of no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder to vote.

* 36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more are likely to adopt this in the future. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
RJ Berry, MD, MPH

DeKalb County

Email Subject: Proposal to End No-excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Pam Wuichet
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

As a concerned citizen and volunteer who has long worked with communities to ensure their access to the polls, I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

* Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail. I spoke to a number of individuals that year who relied on no-excuse absentee voting, and most likely would not have cast their ballots if not for this form of voting. I think you agree that we want as many people to vote as possible!

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter

Email Subject: Vote to limit absentee ballots
Email Sender: Paula Rogers
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Georgia State Board of Elections,

I am a long term resident of Georgia, active in my community, a county poll watcher, and attend monthly county Board of Elections meetings.

My local family includes voters from ages 30 to age 96 years. My husband and I encourage (and help) all of our family members to vote at every opportunity, even though we may not agree on the issues.

Community members who vote regularly are usually citizens who are engaged, feel part of the county and share their voice through voting to stay active.

Between work, family and disability issues, voting is not always easy.

I believe voting access should be expanded in all ways possible, including voting by absentee ballots.

Absentee ballot voting has been shown to be safe and secure in Georgia for many years as well as many other U.S. states.

Any voting process changes only cause confusion and votes are lost in the changes, especially by the elderly.

I have spoken to many Georgia voters and they often have difficulty voting because the process continues to change every year, sometimes more than once a year.
The precincts change, the hours and days change, the process changes.
Let's create some stability in the process to encourage young voters and keep our aging population voting.

It is my request that you vote NO to ending no excuse absentee ballots.
Please be forward thinking and proud that Georgia has a history of successful absentee voting because of the allowances made to be inclusive to all voters.
Unless there is a good reason to change the process, especially in an important election year, do not change the process.
Please vote NO tomorrow.
Thank you.

Paula Rogers
Concerned Citizen of Georgia

Email Subject: absentee voting
Email Sender: Ann Hobbs
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

- Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.
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Thank you,
Ann Hobbs

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Valerie Liles
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

The State

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots. Your job is to make it easier to vote, not more difficult.

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Sincerely,

Valerie Liles
Cumming, GA

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Kiki Wilson
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

As a very concerned citizen of the state of Georgia, I ask you to seriously consider rejecting the proposal to terminate the procedure referred to as no excuse absentee voting. This process allows many voters who would otherwise not be able to vote for whatever reason to vote safely and securely.

Voting is a right that most of us are privileged to have. Absentee voting has been available in Georgia since 2003, making it easier for voters to cast their ballots. It is a process that works quite well in the state of Georgia. We need to be proud of this, and hold it up as a sign of progress in the state of Georgia, as voting should be made as easy as possible for everyone, not more difficult.

Thirty-six states plus the District of Columbia support no excuse absentee voting. The military uses it for those serving outside of our borders. Why would the State of Georgia want to reverse this position, one that will most greatly impact voters of color and young people, unless it is a deliberate attack on voters' rights, and especially minority rights? Making it harder, not easier, to vote communicates to the citizens of this great state that those in charge of voting want to restrict access to it, not promote it, and therefore reduce the number of voters legally permitted to cast their ballot.

Allowed to go forward, this would be an incredible black eye for the state of Georgia, and reduce the number of sought after potential citizens from coming here. Voter suppression is simply not acceptable, and this is a totally

backwards and deliberate step in our history if allowed to go forward.

With alarm,

Kristina Wilson, GA business owner

Email Subject: Absentee voting
Email Sender: Catherine Dragon
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,
I am concerned about the proposal of Dr. Johnston's that would require voters to prove they meet a strict set of eligibility requirements in order to request an absentee ballot. First there is currently no problem with absentee voting in Georgia- past elections have proven that it is a safe and secure method. It is also more convenient to citizens with conditions that make it burdensome to vote in person and other considerations. Your job on the Board is to ensure the voting is safe and secure and also to enable as many citizens to vote who with to and not over burden them.

A majority of states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and plan to continue to do so which - which is another proof that it is a safe, secure and convenient voting method.

Please do not change rules for absentee voting in the midst of a very important election cycle adding to the confusion and stress of citizens and poll workers.

Sincerely
A concerned voter
Catherine Dragon

Email Subject: No excuse absentee ballot
Email Sender: Susan Jones
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Please end no excuse absentee ballots. They leave too much room for cheating on elections !!

Susan Jones

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Absentee ballot voting
Email Sender: Barbara Hund
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Please continue absentee voting . As an elderly woman with mobility issues, absentee voting is very important. We need to encourage ALL citizens to vote and not make it harder for those without transportation or with job requirements or medical issues that make in person voting different. Absentee voting should be an option for all. Thank you .

Email Subject: Please Reject Proposal to End No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Peter Lefkowicz
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,
Please, please reject the proposal before you to end no-excuse absentee voting.
No-excuse absentee voting is a completely safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. To eliminate no-excuse absentee voting would potentially disenfranchise thousands of Georgia voters. Please say NO to this proposal.

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- The proposal before the Board is a "solution" where there is no problem to solve. And it would create many more problems for Georgians trying to exercise their right to vote.
I urge you to reject this proposal for what it is - an infringement of Georgians' right to vote.

Sincerely,
Peter Lefkowicz
Atlanta, GA

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Peter Lefkowicz
Head of School | Co-Founder
xxxxxxxxxive, Atlanta, GA, 30312
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Email Subject: Vote NO on Proposal to end No-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Suzanne C Wakefield

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing today to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. Absentee voting has been shown to be safe and secure and is an option chosen by many Georgians for a number of reasons.

Georgians now rely on this system and to change this in the middle of a very important election year will cause much confusion among voters and for election offices who handle absentee voting.

This system of absentee voting has been a part of voting in Georgia for decades. It has increased access to voting for many voters. Georgia is among the majority of states (currently 36) who have no-excuse absentee voting. If we do away with no-excuse absentee voting, we are moving in the wrong direction.

Doing away with no-excuse absentee voting will be a setback for voting in general for this State. Democracy depends on involvement and interest by the most legal voters possible. People in rural areas of Georgia will be most likely to be hurt and the loss of no-excuse absentee voting will have greater impact on minority voters. Many of these voters reside in counties with limited polling locations and no public transportation.

Georgia’s claim to be a state where it is easy to vote and hard to cheat would no longer be true.

Please do not eliminate no-excuse absentee voting.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Wakefield
Longtime Georgia Voter

Suzanne C Wakefield
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: A plea regarding voting methods!
Email Sender: edisaurus
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I have been a Georgia voter for over 50 years. I live in Fulton County and often use absentee voting and drop boxes to cast my vote as I am under cancer treatment and can't handle standing in long lines which can often happen. Where I previously lived, in Cobb County, voters also had to wait in long lines for hours in the cold in 2020. I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

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Sincerely,

Amy Linton ACE, p.g.a.
xxxx@xxxx

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Email Subject: Reject Proposal to End No-excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Carolyn Gorman
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board

I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgian voters to cast their ballot. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting makes it harder to vote for many Georgians.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Gorman

Email Subject: Rejection on no excuse absentee ballots
Email Sender: Jan Schiefelbein
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Jan Schiefelbein

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Vote NO on proposal to restrict no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Janet Salters
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Members of the State Election Board:

Dr. Janice Johnston's proposal to eliminate no-excuse absentee voting is an attempt to discourage voting. Period.

There has been a long history of success in utilizing absentee voting. The politics of the recent few years have twisted this issue into the forefront in an attempt to discredit the process. It's nonsense.

The proposal to eliminate this option is blatantly intended to disenfranchise the portion of the electorate that Dr Johnston's party doesn't want to participate in the democratic process.

Any plausible reason offered to support this proposal is disingenuous at best. No one is fooled by what's being attempted.

A Concerned Voter,
Janet Salters

Email Subject: no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: racquettcpaul
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,
I am a registered voter in Cherokee County and I have been attending almost every Election Board meeting for the last 3+ years. I am pleased to say that the present Board seems to be fair and reasonable concerning issues brought before the Board concerning the Dominion Voting Machines. These machines have been proven reliable and accurate in repeated recounts and court cases all over this nation including Georgia.
This letter is about a different matter, the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. This attempt to minimize voter turnout by forcing folks to adhere to stringent requirements to obtain mail-in ballots is a huge step backward hampering the right of every registered citizen to vote. Some of the lines to vote at many precincts are unusually long and time consuming purposely to be as inconvenient for people in an effort to discourage voting in specific areas for political gain. This is criminal. Period.
I have been a volunteer worker at the Canton, GA election warehouse for 3+ years helping Ann Dover and her crew count paper ballots. My duties have been helping with the Adjudication and Duplication Panel, I am honored to be able to assist. Ann runs a tight ship on election night, we are an efficient bunch of residents in getting the count finalized ASAP. We don't leave until the job is finished, regardless of the workload.
The only objective in my opinion is to give voters the right to vote however they individually need to without politically biased laws in place to disenfranchise them and then to count them efficiently before we call it a night.
Thank you for your attention to this matter, signed Paul Kaufman, Woodstock, GA.

Email Subject: Public Comment on no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Nancy Adams
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

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I urge the Board to reject this proposal at tomorrow's (2/13) meeting.

Sincerely,

A Very Concerned Georgia Voter
Nancy Adams

Email Subject: DO NOT eliminate no excuse voting in GA
Email Sender: Deborah Callahan
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

no excuse voting by absentee ballot has been a safe way to cast your ballot for many years in Georgia. elimination of this option to vote will result in many voters not being able to participate in the election process. Many will not be aware of change in time to follow the qualification process if their situation even qualifies. voting makes our democracy work. elimination of no excuse ballots will not make elections safer. it will result in many not being able to vote.
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: No excuse ballot
Email Sender: Ted Jones
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Please end all no excuse absentee ballot voting. There is too much cheating with this system!
Ted Jones

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting

Email Sender: Jane Seward
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. I am one of the GA voters who have used this method of voting for a number of years. I find it a safe and secure way to cast my ballot as did approximately 250,000 GA adults during the 2022 midterm elections. There are many additional reasons to not consider making any changes to absentee ballot voting in Georgia especially in the middle of a major election year . This will confuse voters and will cause an immense burden on election officials.

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Jane Seward, DeKalb County

Email Subject: No Excuse voting
Email Sender: Tina Fauntleroy
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Please do not eliminate No Excuse voting.It has proven to be beneficial in
Several states.
Thank you.
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Reject the proposal to end no excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Kevin Follrath
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

As a concerned voter in the state of Georgia, I am asking for your support to reject the proposal to end no
excuse absentee voting.

All registered voters should be able to vote as they wish and not be subject to unnecessary rules.

Sincerely,

Kevin Follrath
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Proposal to restrict absentee ballots
Email Sender: Kathy Holm
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear members of the state elections board,

I am writing to STRONGLY urge you to reject the proposal to restrict or end no-excuse absentee voting. I have used absentee ballots in the past and I have full confidence in their security. I do not understand the necessity of making any changes to the current system especially during a major election year. In fact, it seems to amount to voter suppression. The people of Georgia, no matter their party affiliation, want to vote and have a duty to vote and restricting or ending no-excuse absentee voting is not fair.

Sincerely,
Kathy Ho9lm

Email Subject: Please protect "No-Excuse" absentee voting
Email Sender: andy segal
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To the State Election Board,

I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. Based on nearly twenty successful years of experience, we know it is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgians to cast their ballots.

- * Changing the electoral process in the middle of an election year will burden election officials and cause widespread voter confusion.
- * Thirty-six states currently use no-excuse absentee voting.
- * Many Georgians prefer absentee voting, as evidenced by the nearly 250,000 ballots cast by mail in the 2022 midterm election. Eliminating or restricting it will most greatly impact voters of color because, in Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.

Thank you, in advance, for protecting this vital component of democracy.

Sincerely,

Andy Segal
xxx-xxx-xxxx mobile

Email Subject: Vote to Reject Proposal to End No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Jenifer Keenan
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Jenifer Keenan
A Concerned Georgia Voter

Email Subject: Absentee Voting Comments
Email Sender: Me
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Please do NOT eliminate the no-excuse absentee voting option in elections. My work schedule makes it very difficult or impossible to vote within the limited poll hours currently available during early and election day voting. Thank you!

Mark Pyle
Dahlonega, GA

Email Subject: No excuse Absentee voting
Email Sender: Crystal C. Watkins
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

DRAFT LETTER BELOW

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
YOUR NAME
Crystal Watkins
Decatur, GA

Email Subject: Reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: ebennett2
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Georgia State Elections Board,

This email is a request to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. Geoegia's long history of no-excuse absentee voting ensures that all citizens are able to participate in the election process. If passed, this legislation would disproportionately affect working class families who are already juggling work, child care, and elder care responsibilities.

I urge you to reject this proposal to ensure that everyone in Georgia can participate in the democratic process.

A voting citizen,
E Bennett

Email Subject: Vote No on proposal to end no excuse voting!
Email Sender: Laurel Buchmiller
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Laurel Buchmiller

LB
XXX-XXX-XXXX

Email Subject: No Excuse
Email Sender: Ray Pounds
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

As a native son of Georgia, I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

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 - * Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.
 - * Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.
- Beyond a shadow of doubt, the state of Georgia has validated the integrity of our elections.

This proposal would not only cast doubt on confidence in our election leaders but also on some candidates who would support a reversal of progress.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Raymond H. Pounds

Kind regards,

Pounds Pet Sitting
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Vote YES to END no excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Anna Babcock
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To the GA State Election Board,

My name is Anna Babcock. I live in Savannah GA. I heard you are considering a proposal to end (or amend) no-excuse absentee voting in GA. I pray you vote Yes on this proposal and send it to the legislature for a vote.

My husband and I are very much against the use of absentee ballots without a valid reason. The overuse of absentee ballots greatly hinders our election integrity. We need to strengthen our system against fraud and cheating so that all Georgians are confident in the election process.

Thank you for your time and your service

Sincerely,

Anna Babcock.

Email Subject: Written Public Comment RE: Proposed State Election Board Recommendation
Email Sender: Christina Hodgen
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.
* Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.
* Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will

cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.

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Sincerely,

Christina Hodgen

Email Subject: no excuse absentee voting

Email Sender: ginny.lennox

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To Whom It May concern,

I wish to make it known that I believe that it is important that no-excuse absentee voting continue to be allowed in the State of Georgia. Using this way of voting prior to turning 75 was very helpful. I never felt that it resulted in causing our voting system to be unfair or unreliable. I do believe that if you discontinue no-excuse absentee voting at the very least the State of Georgia will give the appearance of trying to make voting very difficult for its citizens and in reality, will do just that. As a concerned citizen of Georgia and a person who not only votes in every election but who also has run for office and understands the importance of giving every citizen every opportunity to vote possible, I request that you continue no-excuse absentee voting.

Sincerely,

Virginia Lennox

Cherokee County Georgia Concerned Citizen

Email Subject: Vote No To Dr Johnson Proposal

Email Sender: John Storck

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am a veteran and did not serve and witness my fellow soldiers sacrifice their lives, limbs and sanity to live in a dictatorship that takes our right to vote away.

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

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- Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter

John Storck, MBA
xxx-xxx-xxxx
xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: End or amend No excuse absentee ballots February 13, 2024.
Email Sender: candace jones
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear State Election Board Members,
Members in your meeting end or amend the use of No-Excuse Absentee Voting.

Key areas to consider:
#1 - Loss of the ability to vote by secret ballot - since absentee ballots pass through many hands (un-secure chain of custody), in some cases lacking rigorous chain of custody documents, this can reduce a voter's ability to rely on a "secret ballot" cast and counted as the voter intended.
#2 – Loss of control of the ballot - again since the ballot may go through many sets of hands and many processes, the potential for voter fraud may be present at any of these stages. Again, (un-secure chain of custody).
#3 - Widespread trafficking of ballots, concerns regarding security of drop boxes, transportation and other operations surrounding absentee ballots as document in one Documentary "2000 Mules", and on a national level, FoxNews reported that xxxxx.xxx sued to get information on ballots and found in Fulton County "36 batches" of mail-in ballots were double counted for a total of over 4,000. A significant miscount! The AJS investigated and confirmed 100s of ballots were improperly duplicated. Let's not forget the footage of large numbers of ballots scanned multiple times on the nightly news during the 2020 presidential election. This gets to the heart of the integrity of our elections!
Either work with the Georgia General Assembly to say No to No-Excuse Absentee Voting or restore Georgia law to allow absentee voting only for the reasons embodied in O.C.G.A. Section 21-2- 380 prior to 2009.
Thank you for your consideration in the above matter.
Candace Jones

Email Subject: Respectfully urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: ehb839
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am a long-time registered Georgia voter, writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. I am proud of our state's experience with no-excuse absentee voting for nearly 20 years and in those years we know thousands of ballots were cast by mail. Many of us, perhaps also including Board members have family members or dear friends who have successfully used this safe secure method of voting.

Thirty-six states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer. Further eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.

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Sincerely,

A Concerned Voter

Elaine Hazleton Bolton

Email Subject: Reject Proposal to end No Excuse absentee voting.

Email Sender: Gretchen Musser

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,

Gretchen Musser

Morganton, Georgia

A Concerned Voter

Gretchen Musser

Email Subject: Fw: We must keep no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Gary Botstein
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

2.12.State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE VOTING BY VERIFIED VOTERS, NOT MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT!

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* It's a sad state of affairs when politicians believe they can win elections by restricting voting and not by appealing to all voters.
Sincerely,
Dr. Gary R Botstein
xxxxxxx
Atlanta, GA

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: SL Sansom <xxxx@xxxx>
To: "xxxx@xxxx" <xxxx@xxxx>
Cc: Ice <xxxx@xxxx>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 at 12:45:19 PM EST
Subject: We must keep no-excuse absentee voting

2.12.xxxxxxxxxxate Election Board,

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Sincerely,
Stephanie L. Sansom
xxxxxxxxx
Atlanta, GA

Email Subject: Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Ralph Fruchtman
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

Please do not eliminate no excuse absentee voting.

The objective of the board should be to make voting available and accessible to ALL registered Georgia voters.

Eliminating no excuse absentee voting is a step backward.

Please don't do it

American Citizen,

Ralph Fruchtman

Email Subject: Oppose Johnston's proposal to eliminate no-excuse absentee voting in Georgia

Email Sender: Stewart Roberts
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear State Elections Board:

I am adding my strong objection to those of many others who are protesting the recent proposal by Dr. Johnston to eliminate no-excuse/no-reason absentee voting in Georgia elections.

No-reason absentee voting has been the rule in Georgia since 2003. Its elimination would inconvenience hundreds of thousands of absentee voters in the state who have come to depend on this method to combine their practice of voting with their busy schedules, whether in rural, suburban or urban areas. Commuters would be especially burdened (and unlikely to forget, or to forgive, this change).

This proposal, if enacted, would severely overburden county election offices throughout the state, already in many cases understaffed.

No-reason absentee voting is a procedure that our state, along with an overwhelming majority of other states, has become the norm in America.

Removing this key procedure would also embarrass Georgia in the public eye, both nationally and globally. Why embarrass the state - and disadvantage our economy in the competitive marketplace - with yet another controversy concerning the right to vote and with a barrier to voting?

I urge rejection of Dr. Johnston’s proposal for the 2024 elections.

A registered voter in Georgia,

Stewart Roberts

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Email Subject: No excuse ballots
Email Sender: GINA VERNOLA
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

No-excuse absentee ballots have been one of several key concerns regarding Georgia's elections, given the number and scope of anomalies recorded and documented following the 2020 election. Documentaries such as "2000 Mules" showed alleged widespread trafficking of ballots, and highlighted concerns regarding security of drop boxes, transportation and other operations surrounding absentee ballots. Loss of the ability to vote by secret ballot - since absentee ballots pass through many hands, in some cases lacking rigorous chain of custody documents, this can reduce a voter's ability to rely on a secret ballot cast and counted as the voter intended. We need to secure our elections and give the people the confidence of free and fair elections. If something is

not done we will find our in the years to come when it's too late that we needed to out an end to this ridiculous practice. I request we do away with no excuse absentee ballots as we have no idea who is actually behind them as in who is filling them out. I thank you for your consideration in keeping us a free republic, by the people for the people.

Gina Vernola
Forsyth County resident
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Ballot
Email Sender: April Ross
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Im voting for the No-Excuse voting ballot'
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Eliminating no excuse absentee ballots
Email Sender: Howard
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots. Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is a favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail. Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion. Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backward on it. 36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Howard Valentine
Big Canoe,GA
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject:

Email Sender: Kim Varnadore
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Please stop no-excuse voting. Please require ID voting. Please allow citizens only to vote. Please stop election fraud.

Thank you,

Kimberly Varnadore

Email Subject: No-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Edwin Stearns
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I understand there is a proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting; I urge you to reject the proposal.

Absentee voting has proven to be a safe option for voters and eliminating it would only make voting more difficult without an increase in security. Making this change now would only increase voter confusion and cause more work for election officials. The Election Board should be focused on making voting easier, not more difficult.

Sincerely,
Edwin Stearns

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Voting Needs to be Retained
Email Sender: Jeanne Riggall
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

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Sincerely,

Jeanne E. Riggall

A Concerned Voter

Email Subject: Save no excuse absentee voting.

Email Sender: Susan Muntzing

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,

Susanne F Muntzing

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Voting access in GA is important

Email Sender: Angie Gust

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am concerned about our state's efforts to limit voting access. I am thus writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for

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Thank you in advance for working to advance democracy and voting access in Georgia.

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Gust

Gwinnett County Registered Voter

"Say what you mean, mean what you say and do what you said you were going to do."--Barbara Coloroso

Email Subject: Support for Proposal to Eliminate No-Excuse Absentee Ballots

Email Sender: Matt Rowenczak

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Good afternoon State Election Board,

I am writing to you today to support the proposal put forth to eliminate no-excuse absentee ballots. This should have never become law in Georgia or any other state for that matter. We have known for a very long time that this is an extremely vulnerable process that has been taken advantage of many times for nefarious purposes. We've seen it here in Georgia, and we're seeing prosecutions take place with more to come from last year in other states for this very crime of harvesting someone else's absentee ballot.

Back in 2005 in the bi-partisan Carter-Baker report from a federal commission, it is quoted saying "absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud". This is from almost 20 years ago! The Century Foundation also released a report in 2005 titled "Balancing Access and Integrity" that raised very similar concerns. Therefore, we have a pattern that has revealed itself for decades now, so it is time to eliminate no-excuse absentee ballots.

I fully support the proposal before the Board in tomorrow's meeting. Thank you!

Regards,

Matt Rowenczak
Fulton County Resident

Email Subject: No-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Jessica Handler
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Jessica Handler

Email Subject: Registering opposition to ending No Excuse Absentee Ballots
Email Sender: Vaughn, B. Gail
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Secretary of State,
I am writing to let you know that I strongly oppose ending no excuse absentee voting. Making it possible for more registered Georgia voters to easily vote should be a non-partisan issue that everyone in the state can get behind.
Thanks for your consideration.

Barbara Vaughn
xxxxxxx Roswell GA

Email Subject: Do not eliminate no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Gordon, Thomas
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Thomas P Gordon

Email Subject:
Email Sender: don barbour
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Good day.

Please reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. This is a safe and necessary way for those of us, who travel, to vote in local and national elections.

Sincerely,
Don Barbour
xxxx@xxxx
Cell: xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Reject the Proposal to End No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Linda Thompson
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To: Members of the State Election Board
From: Dr. Linda Thompson, Georgia Voter
RE: Reject the Proposal to End No-Excuse Absentee Voting

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end No-Excuse Absentee Voting. No-Excuse Absentee Voting is a safe, secure and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots.

It is the favorable option for many Georgians. Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. Georgia has many successful years of experience with No-Excuse Absentee Voting. It should be continued. Thirty-six states currently use No-Excuse Absentee Voting and more will continue to do so.

Eliminating No-Excuse Absentee Voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.

Thank you for your support in voting against this proposal.

Email Subject: No excise absentee ballot
Email Sender: Suzy Nicksic
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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I am writing to let you know that I strongly oppose ending no excuse absentee voting. Making it possible for more registered Georgia voters to easily vote should be a non-partisan issue that everyone in the state can get behind.
Thanks for your consideration.
Please make it easier to register as the new registration is pretty difficult.
Suzanne Nicksic
xxxxxxxxx

Email Subject: Preserve mail in ballots with No-excuse
Email Sender: M L
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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- * Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.
- * Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it.
- * 36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.

* Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.

* Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely,
Maureen Lobb

Email Subject: KEEP NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING. REJECT THE PROPOSAL TO END IT.

Email Sender: sacksj

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots.

We should be making it easier for people to participate in our democracy by providing as many ways as possible for them to do so, while ensuring the safety and security of their ballots.

There is no evidence that absentee voting is unsafe or insecure. Furthermore, applying this kind of procedural change in the middle of a major election year creates an unnecessary burden for election officials and potentially will result in voter confusion.

Indeed, 36 states currently allow no-excuse absentee ballots. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting says to Georgia voters (and the rest of the U.S.) that the Georgia Elections Board wants to make it harder for Georgians to vote - not easier.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Sacks

Email Subject: PLEASE KEEP NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING

Email Sender: ntieman

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I have been using no-excuse absentee voting for many years and I see no reason to eliminate it. Our Secretary of State said our current voting system is secure. I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

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- Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.

- Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. PLEASE DON'T CHANGE IT. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it.

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- Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.
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Jeanette Tieman, Atlanta, GA xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: PLEASE KEEP NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING
Email Sender: ntieman
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Nathan Tieman, Atlanta, GA xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Fwd: Absentee voting
Email Sender: Theresa Peiffer
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board ~

I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots.

Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is a favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.

Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion. In a year that that is SO important to the future of our democracy, changes like this should not be implemented. Instead, proper and timely change management principles should be incorporated.

Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backward on it.

36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer. I am a business person who travels and have voted this way many times over the years, in multiple states.

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters. It is imperative that we do not disenfranchise this important group of America citizens.

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely,

Theresa Peiffer
A Concerned Voter

Email Subject: No-Excuse absentee Voting
Email Sender: Dyneen Hesser-DeJohn
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,
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voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.

- Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely, A Concerned Voter
Dyneen S. Hesser-DeJohn

Email Subject: no-excuse Absentee Ballots
Email Sender: allencraigpmi
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear State Election Board Members,
I am writing to ask you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. We've used the no-excuse absentee ballot successfully for over 20 years. To stop it would be regressing in our efforts to make voting fair and accessible to all eligible voters.

Please vote NO.

Best,
Allen S. Craig, MD
xxxxxxxxxx
Atlanta, GA

Email Subject: No excuse voting by mail
Email Sender: S Cole
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I am a 77 year old voter. I prefer to vote in person, but sometimes I am without transportation and unable to get to the polls on election day. I urge the legislature to retain the no excuse voting by mail option.
Susan Cole
Decatur

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Comments in support to stop no excuse absentee ballots
Email Sender: Pamela Reardon
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear State Election Board members;
I support getting rid of 'no excuse absentee ballots' because;

*It has been a wide source of election fraud where a minimum 20% admitted they voted illegally by getting an absentee ballot in 2020 Heartland/Rasmuson polling released mid December 2023.
*In many locations this practice has continued since 2020.
*It has become a costly 'fall back' for people who get a absentee ballot and bring it in to be cancelled because the voter votes in person. You can see the waste from this practice.
*Because state laws have not been changed to have a clear visual of the absentee ballot where people can verify that was their ballot and thus verify no ghost or fraudulent ballots are in the system.
*Opening and verifying and counting these ballots is time consuming and costly in Election offices in Counties.
*There was and is a huge number of complaints investigated by the SOS since 2020 that have just been coming out 3 years later leading to erroneous statements in previous years about no problems that are never corrected ' yes we had problems' and they need to be corrected.
* It is hard to justify because the bad voter rolls leave room for fraudulent absentee ballot voting.

Thank you for supporting rolling back to previous 2009 and having only excuse absentee ballots. I also may add we need to have NO drop boxes and have them only at the registrar offices and no libraries. I also may add we need to investigate CTCL for pushing grants from FEMA.

Respectfully,

Pamela Reardon
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Public Comment for State Election Board
Email Sender: Ellie Walker
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To whom it may concern,
I have attached my public comment for tomorrow's hearing. Thank you for your advocacy
-Ellie Walker

Email Subject: Vote NO
Email Sender: cadence.rainbow_0q
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to REJECT the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

* Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.

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* Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.

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Sincerely,
Lyn Thompson

Email Subject: Proposed changes to absentee voting
Email Sender: Julie Pierce
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I strongly urge the Board to reject the proposal to end no excuse absentee voting. This proposal reduces access to the polls for voters who need childcare or who work. Many voters work a long way from their poll. This proposal would discriminate against them

Absentee voting already has numerous safeguards. No excuse absentee voting is a safe and convenient method for voters

The 2024 voting cycle has already begun and many voters have already requested absentee ballots. Indeed, advance in person voting starts a week from today. To change longstanding policy now will confuse and deter voters. It will be chaotic and confusing as voters who are already dealing with confusion and upheaval over the new congressional maps.

As an election worker, I'm on the front lines of dealing with voters. They aren't going to be happy about this, and I, along with my co-workers, will be the ones taking the brunt of this.

Julia Pierce

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Diminished Voting Access Proposal
Email Sender: Larry LeSueur
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear members of the SEB,

I've read of a proposal to end the current absentee voting rules and others that would make voting more challenging in our state.

I am a retiree who does not (currently) have any mobility issues, but I know of others who do. Georgia's current absentee voting rules work well for wiser citizens such as myself, and have been proven time and time again to be a safe and effective means of voter empowerment. I've also worked as a poll-watcher on several occasions and have seen the hard and mostly thankless work put in by poll workers. Such a change at this point in time would almost certainly add to their burdens.

As citizens and Americans, we should all be making sure we remove as many roadblocks for citizens to exercise their franchise. The vast majority of states currently allow free absentee voting as Georgia now employs to help ensure that citizens

Patriotic Americans work to ensure that the rights of all citizens are unimpeded by random roadblocks such as those that would be imposed by this proposal.

Please vote AGAINST this proposal that would put more restrictions on voting and absentee voting, and reduce early voting periods.

Thank you.

Regards,

Larry LeSueur

Email Subject: Reject an end to no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Ella Lefkowicz
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

- * Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.
- * Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.
- * Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia

has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it.

* 36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.

* Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.

* Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Ella Lefkowicz

Email Subject: End No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: CARMEN SMITH
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Legislator.

I am writing you to reject the ending of no excuse Absentee Voting. No excuse absentee voting is safe. secure and accessible way for many Georgia voters, especially for healthcare workers and public servants.

Changing procedures in the middle on an election year will cause a huge burden on election officials. No excuse voting has been used in Georgia since 2003 and has been very successful.

Ending no excuse voting will impact some of most vulnerable people including the elderly who may not have easy access to come to the voting polls. It also will impact individual of Black voters and all voters from rural counties!

Please vote no the end the no excuse absentee voting,

Sincerely

Carmen Smith
Forsyth County Voter and Poll Worker

Email Subject: Eliminate no-excuse absentee voting? No!
Email Sender: CynComcast
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

Please reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting! We should be encouraging, not discouraging, voting, and no-excuse absentee voting is safe, secure, and an accessible way for any Georgia voter to cast a ballot. Frankly, I just don't see the point.

- Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the state accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.
- Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.
- Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly 20 years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The State of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards from it.
- 36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.
- Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in Georgia, as mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.
- Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Please reject this proposal! It is a major step in the wrong direction for our state.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Goeltz DeBold, A Concerned Georgia Voter

Email Subject: Please REJECT the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Kate Harlan
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail. Making such a large procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion. Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. I'm proud of this, and the state of Georgia should be too, instead of seeking to move backwards on it. 36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so.

Eliminating this practice would be a regression for Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible. We know that eliminating no-excuse absentee voting will most greatly impact voters of color. Mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters in the state of Georgia, and it is imperative that we do not further exacerbate voter access disparities by removing no-excuse absentee voting.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Katherine Harlan

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Linda DiSantis
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Elections Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the recent proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. Absentee voting is an important part of our system of elections, is safe and secure, and helps voters of all parties access the electoral process. There is absolutely no reason to change the system as it now exists, other than to try to make it harder for Georgians to vote. Why would you want to do that?

Absentee voting has been shown to be safe and secure and widely popular with the voters of Georgia. The no-excuse absentee voting has been in place for a long time, and to change it in the middle of an important election year will cause unnecessary confusion. Thirty-six states use this method of absentee voting. Georgia has done so for nearly 20 years. To eliminate it would be a major regression in how Georgia handles elections, a position that I would like to think the State Elections Board would rather not promote.

Please reject this proposal. Thank you.

Linda DiSantis
xxxxxxxxxx
Atlanta, GA
xxxx@xxxx
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Allow absentee voting
Email Sender: Mary-Campbell Jenkins
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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American and Black voters.

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Sincerely,

Mary Campbell Jenkins

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Atlanta, GA

Mary-Campbell Jenkins

EVP

The Arbor Company

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Voting SUPPORT

Email Sender: Victoria Cruz

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Chairman and Members of the State Election Board:

Thank you for providing an avenue for submitting public comments at the February virtual meeting of the Board.

No excuse absentee voting by mail should be eliminated to secure Georgia elections and restore public confidence in the process. I personally know citizens who are ready to turn their backs on voting because they feel that the amount of cheating and malfeasance is so overwhelming, and they see that officials in charge of investigating and correcting the weaknesses of our elections are not doing their jobs to secure the process.

Mail voting has long been known to be susceptible to abuse by bad actors. The Carter-Baker Commission report in 2005 stated that "Absentee ballots remain the largest source of voter fraud", Remarkably, in 2021 in the aftermath of the questionable 2020 election, Carter, at age 97, was compelled (by whom?) to issue an update to that report claiming that mail-in balloting could be secured with adequate safeguards.

Unfortunately, information to date shows that these safeguards are obviously not utilized or are being blatantly disregarded. In 2023 alone:

* In Bridgeport CT Judge William Clark overturned a Democrat mayoral primary due to ballot harvesting and ballot box stuffing caught on camera.

* In Lawrence, MA home surveillance video showed a woman apparently stealing mail ballots from rows of apartment mailboxes. It was discovered when voters showed up to vote in person and were told they had already voted by mail.

* The justice Department trial of the spouse of a 2020 Republican candidate began. The allegations are that the defendant submitted or caused others to submit dozens of voter registrations, absentee ballot request forms, and absentee ballots containing false information.

* A 2022 Laredo City Council race was overturned and an appeals court ruled that the rightful winner was not the elected winner because several officers with the Laredo Police Department cast illegal votes.

The failure of states to adequately supervise the voter registration process and the maintenance of accurate voter rolls directly impacts the reliability of mail-in voting. Various nonprofit but blatantly partisan organizations such as the Center for Voter Information, the Voter Participation Center, Voter Registration Project, the Voter Registration Project, and the Everybody Votes Campaign are just a few of the thousands of nonprofits, often funded by left-leaning or progressive donors, with the express goal of registering millions of new voters in targeted demographics. Most of these organizations are given direct real-time access to state voter rolls for their purposes. These new registrants can be harassed with unsolicited absentee ballot applications and sophisticated text and social media campaigns to vote a certain way. (I personally corroborated this in the 2021 GA Senate runoff election). But these registrations can also be used to insert mail-in ballots not voted by the registrant, but by the very nonprofits that obtained the registrations.

I urge the Board to consider adopting rules regarding third party voter registration organizations which would require them to register with the Board via application and financial disclosure statements. This process could be handled by the Executive Director when the board is able to procure one.

I also strongly urge the Board to recommend to the Legislature that the GA Secretary of State resign as soon as possible from ERIC, the Election Registration Information Center, founded by Soros-associated leftist David Becker to allegedly help the states maintain clean voter rolls. Nine Red states have withdrawn from EIC in the past two years reportedly because ERIC is sharing voters' Protected Personal Information (PPI) with at least one other organization CEIR (Center for Election Information Research) also run by David Becker. But in reality, states have realized that ERIC, by mandating that states contact all Eligible by Unregistered citizens at states' taxpayers' expense, is promoting a Get Out the Vote machine, something that the office should not be involved in. I also believe that the state should stop Automatic Voter Registration because it takes the process out of direct control of the SOS and counties and relegates registration duties to unelected DMV employees.

Thank you.

Victoria E. Cruz. M.D.
Athens Georgia

Email Subject: No-excuse Absentee
Email Sender: Tesha Green
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Good afternoon. I have a few concerns as a voter and as a registrar for elections around the no-excuse absentee voting initiative. As a voter that also works elections, I use absentee voting because I work in a different county from which I live. Under this initiative, I will no longer be able to request an absentee ballot. As a registrar, I would like to know, whose responsibility would it then be to determine whether what the voter is saying is true? Will this now require more time and staff (which means more money that we DO NOT have)to investigate whether the voter's request is legitimate or not? We are not elections' police.

Tesha Green
Deputy Director

P: xxx-xxx-xxxx
C: xxx-xxx-xxxx
E:xxxx@xxxx
xxxxxxxxx
Douglasville, GA

Email Subject: Absentee voting
Email Sender: MARSHA SCOTT
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Clearly our Election Board is in the business of making voting more difficult for Georgia voters when they should be encouraging voter turnout. There are many valid reasons that necessitate an absentee vote. (Being sick, hospitalized, disabled, out of town, old, unable to drive, etc etc) Why should these people have to prove their circumstances? Every vote is a valued vote! Please support all Georgia voters.
Marsha Scott
Poll Worker, Fulton County
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: CAROL MCGINNIS
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

This letter is written to ask you to reject the proposal to stop no-excuse absentee voting. Absentee voting has proved to be safe, efficient, secure and extremely popular. It highly increases voter participation which is the goal of a successful democracy. Voting should be made easier for your constituents rather than more difficult.

REJECT this restrictive proposal! Thank you.

Respectfully

Carol Jean Schirm
XXXXXXXXXX
Peachtree City, GA
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Email Subject: We must keep no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: SL Sansom
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

2.12.State Election Board,

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- * Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.
- * Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.
- * It's a sad state of affairs when politicians believe they can win elections by restricting voting and not by appealing to all voters.

Sincerely,
Stephanie L. Sansom
xxxxxxxxx
Atlanta, GA

Email Subject: Absentee Voting Proposal
Email Sender: Cathy Clark
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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- * Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it.
- * 36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.
- * Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.
- * Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely,
Catherine Clark, Concerned Atlanta Resident

Email Subject: No absentee ballots
Email Sender: Sherrypresley
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Experts note two key areas for citizens to consider
#1 - Loss of the ability to vote by secret ballot - since absentee ballots pass through many hands, in some cases lacking rigorous chain of custody documents, this can reduce a voter's ability to rely on a secret ballot cast and counted as the voter intended.
#2 – Loss loss of control of the ballot - again since the ballot may go through many sets of hands and many processes, the potential for voter fraud may be present at any of these stages.
Thanks for taking the Public's Interest into consideration we do not like these absentee ballots we would like for them to be stopped and have a little bit more control over our election handling situation in Georgia.
Sherry Presley
Chatsworth Ga.

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Please make voting EASIER, not harder!
Email Sender: Melina Baetti
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Hello,
My name is Melina Baetti and I am a resident of Atlanta, GA. Voting by mail is necessary to allow easier accessibility to voting. Many people can't make it to a polling place and they shouldn't have to explain why. People with language barriers, who work hourly jobs, with unpredictable schedules – and many others! – would be harmed if we abandoned no-excuse vote by mail, which is used by 35 other states. Please do not move forward any efforts to make voting harder!

thank you,
Melina Baetti
Atlanta, Georgia

Email Subject: I reject Dr. Johnston's proposal to eliminate "no excuse" absentee voting
Email Sender: Basia Tomczyk
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear State Election Board,
Please do not pass Dr. Johnston's proposal to impede and restrict "no excuse" absentee ballot. I feel that this proposal is politically motivated to suppress voters rights. I implore you to think carefully of the full consequences of his proposal it potentially will move us in a negative direction and away from a healthy and robust democracy.
Sincerely
Dr. Barbara Tomczyk

Email Subject: Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Sidney Childress
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

- * Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.
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- * Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.
- * Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.
- * Sincerely,

A Concerned Voter,
Sidney Childress

xxxxxxxxxx
Atlanta, GA

Email Subject: KEEP NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING. REJECT THE PROPOSAL TO END IT.
Email Sender: suebinder1
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

Please reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots. There is no evidence that absentee voting is unsafe or insecure. Furthermore, applying this kind of procedural change in the middle of a major election year creates an unnecessary burden for election officials and potentially will result in confusion for voters.

We should be making it easier for people to participate in our great democracy by encouraging them to vote and providing as many ways as possible for them to do so, while ensuring the safety and security of their ballots. During COVID, Georgia demonstrated its ability to handle no excuse absentee voting. Doing so should be even easier now that the severe COVID pandemic is over.

Thirty-six states currently allow no-excuse absentee ballots. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters and to the rest of the United States that the Georgia Elections Board lacks commitment to engaging as much of the population as possible in the responsibilities and privileges of

citizenship.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Binder

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: David Podowski
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots.

Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot with nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. And, currently, 36 states use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to step backward on it.

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact the disadvantaged and voters of color. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote, not easier, when just the opposite should be the goal.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Voter

David Podowski
Blue Ridge, GA

Mobile: xxx-xxx-xxxx
Email: xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: Vote NO on the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: georgette gafford
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. It is a safe, secure, and accessible way for Georgians to cast their ballot. It is a favorable option for many Georgians (250,000 ballots cast by mail in the 2022 midterm election). This procedural change will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion. Also, eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia since it is used more by Asian American and Black voters. Since Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse

absentee voting we should celebrate this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it.

Finally and critically, the biggest failure of our voting system is that we do not have MORE voters. Currently, "non voter" is the most common type of Georgian. We can do better to encourage more voting in this state. Making it harder for people to vote diminishes our state's voice.

Sincerely,
Georgette Gafford

Email Subject: Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Sven Lovegren
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear State Election Board Members,
I urge you to leave absentee voting as is.
Right now it is easy to vote this way. One never knows when he or she might have to be out of town.
Keep freedom in our absentee voting.

Sven Lovegren
Long time voter

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Email Subject: No -Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Jacqueline C.Rhodes
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots.

Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.

Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.

Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards.

36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and more safe.

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.
Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline (Jackye) Rhodes, Vice President
Chalet/Peyton Woods Community Association

Atlanta, Georgia

Email Subject: Proposal to End No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Kathleen Allen-Leonard
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board:

I ask that you reject the pending proposal to eliminate no excuse absentee voting in Georgia. Georgia has a twenty year history of successfully managing and securing our election process while allowing no excuse absentee voting. In the 2022 midterms 250K Georgians exercised their right to vote by absentee ballot. No excuse absentee voting increases accessibility for our citizens.

In my lifetime, Americans have bled and died for the right to vote. It is important that we honor their sacrifices by ensuring voter access. America works best when citizens' voices are heard. Let's keep no excuse absentee voting so that the voices of more eligible voters may be heard.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Allen-Leonard
Registered Voter
xxxxxxxxxx
xxxxxxxxxx GA

Email Subject: Regarding proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: David Ramsey
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I am writing the Board to express my opposition to the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. The State Election Board should be trying to make voting easier, not putting obstacles in the way. Georgia has been using absentee voting for many years, with much success. The legislature recently passed legislation they believed make absentee voting safer and more secure. Requesting an absentee ballot is important for seniors

like me. It should not be more burdensome for requesting a mail ballot, unless the intent is to restrict the vote! I attend my county Board of Election meetings, and they already have lots of compliance issues without adding more work, especially when it is not necessary. Please reject this proposal which does nothing but put unnecessary impediments on voting for Georgia voters.

Sincerely,
David Ramsey
xxxxxxxxx
Commerce, GA

Email Subject: Proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: JIM CALLISON
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board:

I am a 72-year-old lifetime resident of GA. At my age, no-excuse absentee voting makes it easier (sometimes it makes it possible) for me to vote. So I was surprised and angered to hear there is a proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting, and I urge you to reject it. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots.

Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is a favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail. Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion. I work as a poll worker in Forsyth County, and I know first-hand that is the last thing we need.

Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backward on it.

36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.

We should be trying to make it EASIER for citizens to vote, not harder, as many states do. I have spent some time in Colorado, for example, and have friends there. They mail ballots in all elections to ALL eligible voters, and voters can return them by mail or drop them off at designated, safe dropboxes. This has increased their voter participation in elections, which I believe (and hope) is what we in GA would also like to see.

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier. And why do some want to make it harder? The only reason I see is that they want to appease a former Presidential candidate who lost the election in GA, claimed there was widespread voter fraud (when there was practically none), and then tried to overturn our state's election results - including MY vote. It would be shameful if we let that cause us to change the ways we have tried to make it easier for eligible citizens to vote; and I urge you to reject this short-sighted proposal.

Thank you,
Jim Callison
xxxxxxxxx
Cumming, GA

It does not matter how slowly you go, as long as you do not stop.

—Confucius

Email Subject: Proposal to end no-excuse absentee balloting
Email Sender: Lewis Smith
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear SEB Members,

I believe that there are too many concessions made for people who always have some reason to excuse their inability or desire to vote promptly and legally. I would like the voting process to be for two weeks only and in person only.

Thank you, Lewis Smith, Board of Elections member, McDuffie County

Lewis Smith

Email Subject: Keep Absentee Voting
Email Sender: V. Rivero
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

The State Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots.

Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is a favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail. Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion. Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backward on it.

36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Voter

Valorie Rivero

Email Subject: Vote No on the proposal
Email Sender: Milton Kidd
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Good Morning,

I am emailing in response to your propose to change absentee voting. As one of the 20 counties in Georgia with a voting population size of over 50k people, I would ask that you vote no on this proposal for the following reason. Since the 2020 election there have been a number of false information being presented by individuals that know these are unsubstantiated claims about the elections processes. One example of this is the language of this proposal which state a reason for its authorization being "appearance of counterfeit absentee ballots". This is an out right untruth that the count system of Georgia has pointed out as being a false claim.

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This point, like many others, that have come out about the elections process, are partisan ideas that have no bases in reality. What does the SEB see as the benefit to voters, by passing this proposed rule change? As elections offices that are change with carry out elections please don't take away one of the tools in our toolbox that is used to carry out our duties. We are charged with moving voters through precincts in a timely fashion, and one of the things that help with this, some of the voters for that election are processed outside of a precinct using the absentee process. This process gives voters another why to vote, and what is the real point of taking away voters choice. The proposed SEB rule states that reasons behind it state " WHEREAS, the State Election Board has received numerous complaints involving absentee ballot requests, duplicate voting by absentee ballot, failure to mail or deliver absentee ballots in a timely manner, defects in the handling processing and recording of absentee ballots, appearance of counterfeit absentee ballots, involving enough ballots to call into question the accuracy of election results;", but these questions and concerns are deeper that stopping no excuses absentee, they are an issue of lack of training and resources. The real issue with elections in the state of Georgia, is that elections are underfunded on a state and federal level, and we continue to receive more and more duties with resource. Neither of which is being addressed by this proposed change. As an election official charged with

administrating free and fair elections in the state of Georgia, please help us and vote no on this proposed change, that is nothing more than a solution, looking for a problem that is not there. This is not the help that elections administrators are asking for, we need funding to hire and train staff to do the work of elections, that includes but is not limited to absentee voting. Even if this rule is passed it will do nothing to the fact that the largest part of absentee voting are ballots for elderly and disabled individuals, that will continue to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Milton D. Kidd, MPA
Director of Elections &
Voter Registration

P: xxx-xxx-xxxx
C: xxx-xxx-xxxx
E: xxxx@xxxx

xxxxxxxxxx
Douglasville, GA

xxxxxx.xxx

Email Subject: No Excuse: Please Do Not Eliminate
Email Sender: Marty Pedigo
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

We are older voters and never know when at the last minute we may have an issue where we cannot vote on Election Day or in person in early voting .

In fact, that is true of many. Life is unpredictable from one day to the next for ALL of us. Being able to vote safely and securely by mail is an essential part of freedom to participate in choosing our representatives.

Please do not eliminate No Excuse Absentee Voting by Mail.

Thank you, Martha Pedigo

Email Subject: Public Comment: Reject Dr. Johnson's Proposal and Leave No-Excuse Absentee Voting Alone
Email Sender: Philip Ehrenberg
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

It has come to my attention that there is currently a proposal from Dr. Johnson to end no-excuse absentee voting. I am writing to urge you in no uncertain terms to reject the proposal. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for eligible Georgia voters no matter their political affiliation or identity to cast their ballot and ensure their voices are heard.

Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. To backtrack now, this close to primaries and a major general election, would place an immense burden on election officials throughout the state, cause confusion for voters, and irreparably damage the Board's reputation within the state.

Dr. Johnson's proposal notes there have been complaints, but fails to substantiate those complaints with credible instances of mass errors that have been verified by non-partisan third party investigations. If there is a perceived lack of trust in our elections, it seems that a better solution would be to allocate more resources to voter education and funding county elections staff so they can meet the immense demands election years place on them. If there are concerns about the delivery time for absentee ballots, that sounds like an excellent reason for the legislature to reverse their recent actions and lengthen the time during which absentee ballots can be requested.

The majority of states in the country use no-excuse absentee voting without significant issue. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting in Georgia will backtrack on the state's efforts to make voting secure and accessible, disproportionately impact voters of color, throw our decades of experience out the window in an election year, and signal to our peers that Georgia cannot get the job done to support its citizens.

I grew up here and have chosen to make my home in the state. Georgia deserves better. I urge you to reject this proposal.

Sincerely,
Philip Ehrenberg

Atlanta, GA

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Voter Proposal
Email Sender: Vicky Benedict
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I am a Georgia resident and voter. I oppose changing GA's no-excuse absentee voting law to make it harder to vote!

Please vote against Dr. Johnston's proposal.

Thank you.

Victoria Benedict
xxxxxxxxx
Atlanta, GA

Email Subject: Please Keep "No-excuse" absentee voting.
Email Sender: Tim Miner
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

- * Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.
- * Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.
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- * Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.
- * Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Howard G. Miner

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Deborah Stair
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. It is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

No-excuse absentee voting is a way for those who work business hours to vote without taking time off of work. Early voting on weekends helps with this but cuts into family time that is reserved for the weekends.

Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this instead of seeking to move backwards on it.

In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used by more Asian American and Black Voters. Ending this type of ballot would make it harder, not easier for them to vote.

Please do not eliminate no-excuse absentee voting. Reversing nearly twenty years of this practice would send a message that Georgia is only interested in certain voters and is not considering the interest of ALL voters.

Sincerely,
A VERY concerned voter,
Debbie Stair

Debbie Stair

Email Subject: Proposal to end No Excuse Absentee voting by mail
Email Sender: Jeannie Wolfe
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I want to register my approval of the proposal to end the no excuse absentee by mail voting. It was an attempt at what should have been a temporary fix for the pandemic, and, as stated in the proposal, it was chaotic and untrustworthy even then.

Thank you,
Jeannie Wolfe

Email Subject: Public Comment on No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Indivisible Lumpkin
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear SEB members - no-excuse absentee voting is safe, secure, and the best way to make sure people are involved in our democracy. When I had covid, it was the only way I could safely vote. Please do NOT get rid of or limit it: it works!!
Judy Kreps
Dahlonaga

Email Subject: Registering opposition to ending No Excuse Absentee Ballots
Email Sender: Marti Breen
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Secretary of State,
I am writing to let you know that I strongly oppose ending no excuse absentee voting. Making it possible for more registered Georgia voters to easily vote should be a non-partisan issue that everyone in the state can get behind.
Thanks for your consideration.
Margaret Breen
xxxxxxx Atlanta, GA

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Marti Breen
C3 Marketing
XXXX@XXXX
XXX-XXX-XXXX C

Email Subject: No-excuse voting comment
Email Sender: Kristin Thomas
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.

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Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it.

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Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Kristin Thomas

Email Subject: absentee voting
Email Sender: sheilareggie

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am really disturbed to hear that the legislature is considering eliminating no-excuse absentee voting. Having to prove why one needs to absentee vote will certainly make it harder for some people to vote. There are numerous reasons I have at times chosen to vote absentee, such as thinking I might be away during the early and regular voting period, having fluctuating health issues that could make going to the polls difficult, but aren't necessarily certifiable; uncertainty as to whether my disabled husband's health issues might require my attention at any time, concerns about a potential upsurge in flu or covid. Of course there are many more reasons, including the difficulty for those who are employed - the difficulty with getting to the polls at the right time, before or after a long day of work.

I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. We should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backward on it.

Please do not eliminate no-excuse absentee voting.

Sincerely, Sheila Wofsy

Email Subject: SEB proposal to end no-excuse ABMs
Email Sender: Sheree Giardino
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board:

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposal by Boardmember Johnson urging the state legislature to eliminate no-excuse absentee ballots by mail. I find it incredibly ironic that the same faction urging the SEB and state legislature to eliminate BMDs and return to handmarked paper ballots, want to eliminate the ballot option that currently offers voter that very same thing.

In Voter GA vs. Raffensperger , the court recognized that voters who wish to use a handmarked paper ballot already have that option—absentee ballots by mail (ABM). If the SEB curtails this option, it will actually exclude a wide range of voters who presently have that option.

I urge the SEB to reject this very short-sighted proposal. Please vote NO.

Best regards,
Sheree Giardino
Cherokee County
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Keep no excuse absentee voting in Georgia!
Email Sender: Matt Crossfield
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. It is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots. Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with it and in the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail. 36 other states also use no-excuse absentee voting. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state and communicate to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.
Please keep no-excuse absentee voting in the state of Georgia!
Sincerely,
Matt Crossfield
(sent from my iPad)

Email Subject: Save Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Myron Newton
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I respectfully submit that there is no justifiable reason to change the current rules that guide absentee voting in Georgia. The proposed change by the Election Board will prevent many voters from casting their ballots.

I believe this procedural change is because politically motivated and the board knows that. I have many hard working friends of all ages, ethnicity and beliefs that will be affected. The voting system should not change, period!

Respectfully,

Myron L Newton

Email Subject: very concerned
Email Sender: Cameron Wethern
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

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- * Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.
- * Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it.
- * 36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.
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- * Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Cameron Wethern

Email Subject: REJECT proposal to end No-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Kathleen F Cavallaro
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

Since 2023, Georgia has allowed this method of voting which is a safe, secure and accessible way for many to cast their ballot. Moreover, many other states also provide this option and more will continue to do so.

We all know that life can throw many curve balls. No-excuse absentee voting gives voters a way to prevent those unexpected occurrences to interfere with their right and obligation to vote.

Especially now, when we are coming up on a consequential national election, it is important to maintain no-excuse absentee voting as as not to confuse the electorate.

Please demonstrate your intention to make it as easy as possible to submit a ballot safely by rejecting the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Voter
Kathy Cavallaro

Email Subject: Letter to Members of the State Election Board
Email Sender: April Pilgrim
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To Whom it May Concern,

Please see the attached letter regarding the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

Thank you,
April J. Pilgrim

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Nadine Wright
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To the State Election Board,

Please keep no-excuse absentee voting. It's time to stay in the 21st Century and make voting accessible. It is safe and secure, so there is no reason to end it.

- Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.
- Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.
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Please do what is right for Georgia voters!!

Nadine Wright
Marietta, GA
xxxx@xxxx
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Absentee voting
Email Sender: Mike Padgett
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Absentee voting is what has contributed to to where we are today day. I say no more absentee voting , unless
your in our military
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Reject Attempts @ Voter Suppression/Do the Right Thing
Email Sender: Mark Toth
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

* Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Mark Toth

Email Subject: Please keep No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Paula J. King, PhD
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Hi,

It is very important for people who may be infirmed or otherwise need the option of No -Excuses absentee voting to have this option available.

There is not need to change the system as it is working very well.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Keep voting the same.
Paula King

Email Subject: Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Latresha
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots.

Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is a favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail. COVID was a wake up for the state. Absentee ballots showed Georgians that there is a safe and reliable way to cast their vote without being exposed. This is a GREAT!

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Sincerely,

A Concerned Voter

Latresha Jackson

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Henry Grimes
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Please do not end absentee voting in Ga. Your job is to help Ga residents and encourage voting not to legislate ways to hinder folks from voting. It's important that voters have options when they vote.

Henry

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Amanda Dudley
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely-- A voter that never misses an election

Amanda Dudley, MPH

Amanda Dudley Communications, LLC
<https://www.xxxxx.xxx/>

xxxx@xxxx

xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Absentee Voting Do Not Take Away Our Rights
Email Sender: Debbie Wnukowski
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,

A Concerned Voter

Debbie Wnukowski
xxxx@xxxx

"When one door closes, another opens: but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one that has opened for us."

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Linda Bostick
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I urge you to keep no excuse absentee voting for Georgia citizens. We have had this option for years and it has been successful, without meaningful problems. It has allowed voters to participate in elections that otherwise may have circumstances that would prevent them from voting in person.

Thank you for your consideration.
Linda Bostick
xxxxxxxxx
Dawsonville, Ga

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: REJECT PROPOSAL TO END NO EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING
Email Sender: Susan DeMoura
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Susan DeMoura
A Concerned Voter

Email Subject: Stop no excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: LARRY HAND
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

With early voting and Election Day voting very few people have a proper excuse for not voting in person. There are reasonable excuses for mail in voting and those should be allowed.

Mail in voting removes the direct connection between a person’s ballot and final tabulation.

My personal opinion.

Sent from my iPhone
Larry Hand
Member Cherokee County BOE
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Please retain no excuse Absentee Ballots
Email Sender: fesstival42
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Greetings Georgia Elections Board,

This is voice out support for no excuse Absentee Ballot voting. Voting is a right, and as such, the process should be made accessible to people as much as possible. 35 states along with Georgia have this option for people who may not be able to vote in person. Please retain no excuse Absentee Ballots!

Thank you,
Charles Froelich
Decatur GA
xxx-xxx-xxxx

HD 82/ SD 82

Email Subject: Proposal to end No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Mindy Seger
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I write to express my opposition to Dr Johnston's proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting, particularly as the 2024 election year is underway. This proposal adds an administrative layer to approve one's reason for applying for an absentee ballot.

In addition to that there are any number of reasons upto and including simply being the preferred mode of voting by many electors to maintain no-excuse absentee voting. I've done a lot of advocacy work here in Georgia actively since 2017 from showing folks how to register, find their polling place, share early voting information, share information on No-Excuse absentee voting the list goes on. What I have found is that when you give people options they can make a vote plan that works best for them. I've for many years shared the idea to think of Election Day as your last chance to vote and understand life happens to all of us, give yourself time and multiple chances if need be to cast your ballot however you can.

Let's keep this important option on the table for Georgia Voters. We have seen record voting totals yet still have an abysmal turnout percentage of registered voters in several of the last elections. This tells me we need more tools not less, better public service announcements not less, more participation not less.

-Mindy Seger
xxx-xxx-xxxx Cell
Your Vote is your Voice!
xxxxx://xxxxx/xxxxx

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Lawrie Demorest
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

To Members of the State Election Board:
It has come to my attention that you will consider a proposal tomorrow to end no excuse absentee voting in Georgia. I am writing to urge you to reject this proposal in the interest of fair and full participation in elections by Georgia residents.

The state has allowed no excuse absentee voting for many years now and the various elections offices have become adept at administering this system. The citizens of Georgia have become accustomed to this option and hundreds of thousands relied on this option in the last election cycle alone.

Eliminating this option for Georgians would place a greater strain on in-person polling places and elections offices, increase the financial burden of accommodating in person voters, result in longer lines at polling places, and make it more difficult for voters to cast their votes. (The spectre of sorting through "excused" absentee ballot applications only increases the risk of complaints and wrongfully denied ballots to those who need them.)

Georgia election officials' duty is to make voting more accessible to more properly registered voters. This proposal would send the wrong message to our citizens and is a "solution in search of a problem". Given the relative ease with which no excuse absentee voting has been administered in recent years, and the various investigations which have shown no significant voter fraud, I am concerned about its motivation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lawrie Demorest
xxxxxxx
Atlanta GA

Email Subject: no excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Peggy Dobbins
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the Georgia State Election Board,
I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is safe and secure. I support it as an accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.
I was glad to learn that In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.

I was distressed to learn that you are being asked to Apply this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year. It will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.
Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Margaret P. Dobbins
xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: Public Comments on proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Rachel Lastinger

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

Please see attached a letter from the ACLU of Georgia, urging you to vote no on the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting increases voting access as a convenient way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier. We urge you to vote no on the proposal to work with the General Assembly to eliminate no-excuse absentee voting. We urge you to continue to work for Georgia voters, not against them.

Thank you!

Rachel Lastinger

Rachel Lastinger
Associate Director, Voter Access Project
American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia
xxxx@xxxx
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Public Comment RE: Absentee Proposal
Email Sender: Nathan Orck
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Good Morning Members of the Board,

I have been informed that you will soon be considering a proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting in Georgia, and I am writing to offer my opinion on that matter as an elections official who directly manages absentee processes for my county. I disagree with the statements made in the proposal being presented to you, which paint absentee balloting as a chaotic and untrustworthy process. When handled appropriately, absentee balloting is a perfectly standard process in the same way that voting early in person is. If anything, it is my belief that the increased requirements for absentee voting have complicated the process more than is strictly necessary.

I do not support the proposal being presented to you, as I do not believe this recommendation to the General Assembly is worth making. To start with, members of the General Assembly have mentioned before that once they have offered additional means of voting (weekend hours, longer early voting schedules, etc) they do not generally want to roll that back as it presents a straight-forward reduction in opportunities to vote, something that tends to not be desirable to anyone. In this case

Next, the proposal would add more steps to the administrative side of absentee ballot processing by requiring an excuse and unfortunately it is hard enough to get voters to appropriately fill out the forms as they are- adding a required excuse field would only add to the hours our offices spend contacting voters to correct and cure their applications. If part of what this proposal is trying to avoid is the number of mistakes being made, adding more to the application processing is not going to reduce that number.

Also, I don't believe this proposal is being offered in good faith. The phrasing of "appearance of counterfeit

absentee ballots, involving enough ballots to call into question the accuracy of election results” in the proposal strikes me as being objectively false and bordering on conspiracy. Georgia as a whole has not seen “counterfeit” absentee ballots, as the processes we use and the ballots we mail are extremely specific and would not be imitable. Voters do not have access to the information or styles of paper and envelopes that they would need in order to counterfeit an absentee ballot, so I am not certain where that assumption is coming from. We know from audits of our processes before and after they take place that our elections have a very high rate of accuracy, whether those votes come from BMDs or from the mail. There have been mistakes made with absentee balloting before, I will not deny that, but there is not a number of errors significant enough to question the accuracy of Georgia elections as whole and it would be disingenuous to say so.

Finally, Georgia voters are tired of the voting process changing. There was new equipment in 2020, a new absentee ballot application in 2021, and a new voter registration system roll out in 2023 that has had its own growing pains through its launch. 2024 is a year that is going to see high levels of scrutiny from every angle, and voters want to be prepared for what their voting experience will be. To make a significant change like this during this election year is not only a bad idea from an internal perspective, but it will not be well received by voters at all. Should this change take place, there will be very legitimate cries of voter suppression during a presidential election year and we’re going to have enough to worry about without having an additional public trust issue like that.

I strongly encourage the Board to choose not to make this recommendation to the General Assembly.

Thank you all for the work that you do, and I look forward to continuing our mutual goals of administering fair and secure elections to Georgia voters.

Thank you,

Nathan Orck
Registration Coordinator | Jackson County Elections
Phone: xxx-xxx-xxxx
Email: xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: I Oppose Making It Harder to Vote by Mail
Email Sender: Laurel Lucey
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

 Please vote against Dr. Johnston's proposal to restrict no-excuse absentee voting in Georgia. The current law, which has worked well in Georgia for many years and reflects a system used by at least 35 other states, should not be changed to make it harder for voters to vote absentee.

Thank you.

Laurel Lucey

Email Subject: No excuse mail voting
Email Sender: Barbara Marin
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

My husband and I are elderly and sometimes struggle to vote in person. Especially during the pandemic, we wanted to vote by mail to avoid getting Covid. People have lots of reasons why voting by mail makes voting easier. I hope you will continue to support those who may need extra help to exercise the precious right to vote.

Many thanks,
Barbara Marin
Decatur GA

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Louis Howe
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. As a citizen who regularly works in my county as a ballot adjudicator and elections observer I have seen hundreds of citizens submitting absentee ballots to the Elections Superintendent. I have never seen anything to make me believe that anything amiss was happening. I believe this measure would hamper and suppress the vote. Further, applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion. This a wrong-headed measure.

Thank you,
Louis Howe
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: End Georgias No Excuse Absentee Ballots
Email Sender: Stacey M Doran
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear State election board members,

I and Georgians across this state have many reasons to no longer trust elections in our state because there are many problems in the current election law that we want to see addressed. Among the issues is to end no excuse absentee ballots in Georgia and to strictly enforce the rules for when the use is allowed.

Being a responsible citizen requires acting responsibly and able-bodied eligible voters can get to their precinct and cast their vote. People make it to doctors, grocery stores, drug stores, sports events, concerts, etc, they can get to a voting precinct and vote.

We see case after case, election laws have been violated and a mere letter is being sent out to smack a hand of offenders. This is our vote, our voice and we are NOT free if the strict enforcement of laws and lawful punishment of violations is not followed.

Please be a part of standing in the gap to defend and secure our votes.

Thank you
Stacey Doran

Sent with Proton Mail secure email.

Email Subject: No-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Cathy Wentworth
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

The State Dear Members of the State Election Board,
I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots. Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is a favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail. Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion. Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backward on it. 36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.
Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Cathy J Wentworth

Jasper, GA 30143

Email Subject: Comments about the proposal to end no excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Robert Davila
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Simple comment. Covid19 has not gone away. While it may not be as front and center anymore the virus still in our communities and spreading. People are still dying from Covid19. Taking this option away will put those who are not elderly or disabled at risk if they have underlining health issues. There is also Measles now in Georgia. It is communicable through droplets in the air, just like Covid19.

Roberto Davila
Elections Administrator
Lowndes County Board of Elections
xxx-xxx-xxxx
xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: Comment on proposal to eliminate no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Richard Ehrenberg
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

xxxxxxxxxx
Atlanta, GA
State Election Board,
It has just come to my attention that the Board is considering a proposal to eliminate no-excuse absentee ballots in Georgia. I believe this to be a retrogressive move – reversing a long-standing and honorable process to make voting more available to the state's populace. Doing so in the midst of an election year would be particularly disruptive and egregious. I urge you to decisively reject this proposal.
No-excuse absentee voting has proven to be a safe, secure, and accessible way for Georgia voters to cast their ballots. It has proven increasingly popular, especially in difficult times like the recent pandemic There has been no credible evidence put forward to indicate any problem or security issue associated with no-excuse absentee voting, in Georgia or any other state that has implemented such a procedure. One can only conclude that this proposal is based not on careful consideration of any data, but is rather an overt attempt to limit the ability of certain demographics to cast their ballots, and it has the distinct odor of partisan manipulation and voter suppression. The people of Georgia deserve better, and those in positions of public responsibility should do better.
Please reject this ill-conceived proposal.
Thank you,
Richard L Ehrenberg, MD, CAPT USPH (Ret.)

Email Subject: Absentee voting
Email Sender: Millar Freeman
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. Especially older more frail voters as well as college students who are out of state or even studying abroad.

Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians.

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A Concerned Voter,

Eleanor Millar Freeman
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Keep no-excuse absentee voting in Georgia
Email Sender: dudleigh
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

We urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots. In our county, like many other counties in Georgia, a number of poll locations have been closed including our closest location and there is only one location for early voting. Eliminating or restricting no-excuse absentee voting will cause a hardship for us and many other legal voters in Georgia.

Sincerely,
Deborah Freudenthal & Charles D. Hackett
Concerned Voters

Email Subject: Proposed ABM Resolution
Email Sender: Travis Doss
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

No excuse absentee by mail has been place since 2009 in Georgia. Georgia was one of the first states in the South to introduce this method of voting without a reason. Georgia has always been in the forefront of encouraging voter turnout and making it easier for the electorate to vote whether in person or by mail. To go backwards and start to require a reason would be extremely confusing to voters, probably lead to more lawsuits and cause undue burden on Election administrators. I have been an election official for 29 years. I worked with both types of absentee voting. When voters were required to provide a reason, it increased the number of

additional information letters we had to send to voters that failed to "check" a reason on the application. It also led to voter's just checking off random reasons such as "religious holiday" that we as administrators did not have any way to verify. Currently when an application is incomplete, we must send a cure affidavit, which was not the case prior. If "reason" is now required, that will increase our need to send cure affidavits or reject the application outright. A cure affidavit does not prevent a voter from getting a ballot, it only means that the ballot will not count if the application isn't cured. This too leads to needless paperwork and tracking that will cause mistakes if the Election officials doesn't make sure that all checks and balances are in place when that ballot is returned.

In closing, I would ask you reconsider your resolution and not have Georgia go backwards in our forward thinking.

Regards,

W. Travis Doss, Jr.
CERA, GEOA, GAVREO President
Executive Director
Augusta-Richmond County Board of Elections

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Email Subject: No excuse absentee ballots
Email Sender: hh

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Ladies and Gentlemen: I first voted in Georgia nearly 50 years ago. And once my husband and I had to drive 12 miles to the registrar's office which was at that time in downtown Savannah, park, go in and give our "excuse" vote turn in our vote and reverse to our trip home.

If you plan to reinstall this law I believe you are being very regressive. I might add that since that early vote my husband and I went on to be poll worker/manager for over 20 years. When he died I retired but later was asked to run for the Board of Elections and was successful. That was about ten years ago and I am still on the Board. I say this because I have learned how elections run. You are throwing a roadblock during a huge election year to our registrar which will filter down of course to all election officials. Will you require proof of an "excuse"? What excuses will you allow? Will the registrars be required to follow up on your "excuse"? What if even half the voters decided to file "no excuse"? Would you require extra staff to handle this?

Granted, we want to make sure no unauthorized voters do so by absentee mail but I believe this is definitely not the way to go about solving the problem.

We have very hard working staff and supervisors in our offices but they are all stretched to the limit of what they can do.

Respectfully,

Marianne Heimes Vice-chair of the Chatham County Board of Elections
(and very proud to be so)

Email Subject: Reject Proposal to End No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Will Fowlkes
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,

Will Fowlkes
C: xxx-xxx-xxxx
T: @wfowlkes
FB: @wfowlkes
IG: @wfowlkes

Sent from my mobile device

Email Subject: Absentee voting act
Email Sender: Mya Thomae
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

 Please reject this act. Making voting more accessible while still secure should be our focus, not taking away options.

Mya Thomae

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Mya Thomae
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Stat Election Board Letter
Email Sender: Shirley Bettis
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

 Hello Election Board Members,

 Please see the attached letter concerning absentee voting.

Thanks.

From the Desk of:

Dr. Shirley A. Bettis
Education Consultant

The Stella Group

xxx-xxx-xxxx Office

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Email Sender: Omega Finney
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

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* Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.

* Implementing numerous changes during a very busy election year is setting up Election officials and more importantly Georgia Voters for unnecessary errors, confusion and is frankly unfair to Voters.

* Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it.

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Sincerely,
A Henry County Board of Elections and Voter Registration Member,
Omega R. Finney, MSN, RN-BC

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Rich Levy
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I have had plenty of instances where if there was not no-excuse mail in voting, I would not have been able to cast a ballot. I have small children and at times I have to travel for work, often on short notice. This does not lend itself to a system where I have to go through a process to offer proof of need to vote by mail. Please do not upend the system.

Thank you.

Rich

Rich Levy
SVP Artist Rights Management
xxxxxxx | Atlanta, Ga
xxx-xxx-xxxx office | xxx-xxx-xxxx mobile
xxxx@xxxx
<http://www.xxxxx.xxx/>

Email Subject: Proposal to End No Excuse Absentee
Email Sender: Caity Hamilton
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Good morning,

My name is Caity Hamilton and I would like to comment on this proposal both as a full time Georgia county

election worker and a Georgia citizen.

As an election worker, I resent the patently false statements in this proposal "that absentee voting removes tabulation of votes from local precincts"; the "appearance of counterfeit absentee ballots"; and that Georgia has had "limited experience" with no excuse voting.

In fact, votes are tallied and recorded for the precinct in which each absentee voter lives. The precinct is clearly marked on the absentee ballot when it is received by the voter, and clearly recorded in all election reports, such as the Summary and the Statement of Votes Cast. Furthermore, I have heard no reports of "counterfeit absentee ballots" making their way into any group of tallied ballots, nor have I heard of any "counterfeit absentee ballots" being reported at all in my county or elsewhere. What I have seen firsthand are third party absentee ballot applications, something that has already been addressed by legislation. Last, Georgia has extensive experience with no excuse absentee voting, having passing HB 224 nearly 20 years ago. The limits listed in the proposal are vague and no information is provided on how these exceptions would be proven by a voter. As an election worker, I am appalled to see the SEB consider a proposal based on false statements that are easily refutable, and that provides no path forward and no real solution to the problems it claims to be addressing.

As a citizen I am disheartened and anxious to see the SEB consider a proposal that would again limit the ways that we are able to cast our vote. No excuse absentee voting is used often by my parents, who are frequently out of state caring for elderly family members. I use it often because my work makes it difficult to take the time away to vote in person. My spouse and many of our friends use it because their hours in their veterinary medicine jobs are longer than the hours of early voting sites and Election Day polling sites. This proposal assumes that no excuse voting is used only to defraud the voting system and fails to consider the real uses by eligible citizens who struggle to leave their home due to invisible disability, single parents juggling their job and child care, those who are destitute and without transportation, those who are working multiple jobs, those with employers who will not allow them time off to vote (just because it is illegal does not mean it doesn't happen). Under what "excuse category" would these eligible citizens fall in order to be allowed to vote absentee? How can a single mother, with several children who walks to her two jobs because she doesn't have a car, prove that she deserves to be allowed to vote absentee from her apartment? Why should a middle aged man with agoraphobia be forced to go through the process of legally registering as disabled in order to receive an absentee ballot? And because his disability is invisible and not physical (as this proposal specifies), would he even qualify?

My view before becoming an election worker in late 2019 was that the Secretary of State's office and the SEB existed to protect and expand voting access for all eligible citizens. But the past few years have put your motives into question for me as I have watched voting access narrow and seen small interest groups catered to despite their fringe views, controversial beliefs, and baseless or even falsified evidence.

If no excuse absentee voting is ended, I wonder what other proposal to limit access will be considered. I and my fellow election workers will be faced with difficult choices. Do we continue on as election workers as we watch our rights erode beneath us or resign our positions at a crucial time when we are desperately needed? How can we support a state system that narrows access while we work to provide it at the county level? Do we even continue to live in a state that will not defend our right to expanded and secure access to voting?

Please do not consider this proposal.

Caity Hamilton
Full Time County Election Worker

Email Subject: NO MORE NO EXCUSE ABSENTEE BALLOTS!

Email Sender: Sharlene Caldwell

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I came to Georgia to be a part of showing the US that our elections are just and fair.

I transplanted from California about 18 months ago and became a poll worker so I could help make a difference.

Prove to the rest of America that what happened in 2020 (that I saw playing out from California) is a one time thing. Show America that the Georgians want to make elections TRANSPARENT by NOT hiding behind the mail-in and absentee ballots. More paper please. The people want to see! We want to know that whatever the outcome, it was done right. I have nothing to hide and neither should Georgia so make our elections transparent, open and one day, with guidelines. Back when I was in school and given an assignment it had a due date. If that assignment was not turned in on time I did not get credit. That did happen to me. I had to turn in a sewing project on time, I did not therefore I did not get my diploma until I made that CLASS up. Not just the assignment but I had to re-do the credit....WOW so different now. Give a person months to count the votes and it will take months and "problems" are more likely to come to surface.

Please be a part of the solution and make me proud to have chosen Georgia to call my home because we follow order the rule of law.

Blessings, Sharlene Caldwell

PS please reply back!

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Voting

Email Sender: Jan Gmail

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I am in full agreement with the proposal for No Excuse Absentee voting in Georgia. The elections are not secure for a variety of reasons especially with the absentee voting that has been allowed. I personally know individuals who have received up to 5 absentee ballots without requesting them. I know people who have received absentee ballots who do not live in GA. This MUST STOP NOW. If this continues then you are disenfranchising voters allowing fraud to continue.

The State Election Board has a responsibility to ensure election integrity. You must pass Dr. Janice Johnston's proposal during the 2/12/24 meeting.

I look forward to the SEB voting to pass this proposal. Thank you.

Jan Morrow, R.N.

Business Development & Wellness Strategies

xxx-xxx-xxxx

xxxx@xxxx

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Bruning, Steve
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Elections Board,

I'm writing in opposition to the proposed motion to end no-excuse absentee voting. I am a member of the Cobb County Board of Elections currently and also served on the Board 30 years ago.

The proposed motion falsely claims problems that simply do not exist for the current system of absentee voting. Absentee voting is important to numerous segments of our community and adding further restrictions is the wrong direction to propose to the legislature. False conspiracy claims circulated are the main problem, not absentee voting.

If anything, absentee voting time frames are too restrictive and should be expanded.

Postal service problems (slowness and unreliability) are real and you should encourage expansion of the very restrictive limits on secure drop box quantities. I would suggest allowing a secure drop box inside every early voting location.

We in the elections community should be encouraging measures that make voting access easier and more convenient for our voters, not restricting access unnecessarily.

Thanks for Your Service,

Steve Bruning
Cobb Board of Elections

Email Subject: No excuse absentee ballots
Email Sender: Cindy Howalt
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Ladies and gentlemen,
Thank you for allowing the citizens of Georgia to give their comments and concerns about no excuse absentee ballots.

As far as I know, this is the first time that we citizens have had an opportunity to be involved with the matter as the bill was originally passed without citizen input. There is absolutely no reason for no excuse absentee ballots for Georgia or any other state in the US. As we saw in the last few elections, there is very loose handling of the ballots. We saw multiple cases of voter fraud via mules hired to deliver these ballots to drop boxes, in addition to many other similarly documented instances.

Encouraging the legislature to pass a bill to stop no excuse mail in ballots is a step in the right direction. Voting is a sacred right to each US citizen. It is your job to ensure that every possibility of fraud is eliminated, and I'm praying that you'll do the right thing.

Thank you for your service to our great state of Georgia.

Kind regards,
Cindy Howalt

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: I Reject ending No-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Gwyndolyn Parker
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Gwyndolyn Parker

Email Subject: Please halt "No excuse ballots"
Email Sender: Gayle Troyer
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear school board members:

We certainly saw the devastation caused by countless numbers of ballots sent out, in duplicates even at times, during our last elections.

This caused havoc in so many ways, and there should never be ballots that are certainly touched by many hands, in different ways.

The only ballots that should be sent out are to people who are handicapped, sick in hospitals, and our military; those truly not able to get to the polls.

We appreciate very much if you will stop this procedure which can cause cheating, and we certainly need legitimate votes counted, and not by those which are trying to steal our elections.

Thank you so much for getting rid of those "No excuse ballots" because we know they were initiated during a pandemic of major proportion which many feel should have never happened which caused countless problems and heartbreak.

Thank you for your efforts in protecting our elections from unscrupulous people! May we continue to enjoy our liberties and freedoms, where others are trying to strip us from those rights!

May the Lord bless you all with a knowledge of God's will, through all spiritual wisdom and understanding, giving you discernment to do what is right in standing for integrity in our elections.

Very sincerely,

Gayle Troyer
A very concerned citizen
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Do not get rid of "No Excuse Vote By Mail"
Email Sender: Karen Minvielle
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

 Please protect our right to vote instead of whittling away at it.

Karen Minvielle
xxxxxxxxx
Decatur, GA
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: No excuse absentee ballots
Email Sender: Suzannah Heimel
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

 As a Georgia resident I am against no excuse absentee ballots.

Suzannah Heimel
Oconee County

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Email Subject: Re: end to no excuse absentee by mail voting
Email Sender: Virginia Harman
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I do not believe this measure to be in the best interests of Georgia voters. I remember this being a ridiculous measure years ago. To sign the affidavit that you "must" be away during the election. Did that include if you were absent for travel, sickness in the family, your own sickness when you were worried about flu or now C19 virus? These are elective absences. Why create the charade. No evidence indicates that allowing absentee voting by mail on request does anything other than allow more people to participate in their civic duty to vote. Older, sicker, younger and more mobile...all desire to vote and that should be made easier, not harder and more stressful. Follow the evidence not the fear.

Virginia Barrow Harman
McRae, Smith, Peek, Harman and Monroe, LLP

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Email Subject: Reject Proposal to End No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Tony Woods
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

- * This kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.
- * Georgia has approximately 20 years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. Absentee voting continues to be a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for most Georgians.
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Sincerely,

Anthony Woods
Douglas County Resident

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Ballot Resolution
Email Sender: Fisher, Debbie
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I fully support this resolution.

Debbie Fisher
Board of Elections and Registration
xxx-xxx-xxxx
xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: No Excuse absentee Voting
Email Sender: Brian Dunn
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

* I..... Brian Dunn & We the People of Georgia promote and insist that we get rid of no-excuse absentee ballots, because it has been proven over and over again that fraud occurs, and it is not a secure process. Even the 2005 Carter-Baker Report issued by a bi-partisan federal commission co-chaired by Jimmy Carter and James Baker III, former President George H. W. Bush's Secretary of State, stated that "absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud". Therefore, it is way past time to eliminate no-excuse absentee ballots in GA.
Brian Dunn
Roswell GA Resident

Email Subject: Absentee voting
Email Sender: Billy Wooten
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

I've been involved in elections for 25 years and have seen many changes.

I like the current opportunities to vote by absentee, early in person, and election day. My experience with absentee by mail has never been chaotic. And the checks and balances in the process make it absolutely

trustworthy. Those that think it is not trustworthy have never worked elections.

Again, thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Willie Wooten

Email Subject: Absentee Ballots should stay
Email Sender: Shertanka Wright
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

As someone who has multiple persons in her family that may not have a vehicle, may not have a license, are elderly, or or work outside of our small town, i think that absentee ballots should be available to anyone who feel like that they need it. It's really hard to pin point who has an excuse and who doesn't. unless of course the excuse doesn't have to be valid. Who are we to say what's a valid excuse and what's not? I think it should be left the way it is.

Deputy Registrar
Shertanka Wright

Email Subject: Absentee ballots
Email Sender: Ellen Beason
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

"No excuse absentee ballots" are an open invitation to voter fraud. SHOULD NOT be permitted if secure elections are the goal

Email Subject: Please reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Joel Brock
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Joel Brock

Email Subject: Keep No Excuse Absentee Voting

Email Sender: stannenbaum18

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I understand there is some discussion to remove this ability for voting absentee with having to get an approved excuse. I imagine you will receive many comments opposing this change so I will keep this brief.

DON'T DO IT.

The current system is safe and secure and making it harder to vote is not a good idea,

Thank You,
A concerned voter
Steve Tannenbaum

Email Subject: Removing no excuse absentee voting

Email Sender: Laura Bassett

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I think this is a terrible idea. I was the absentee ballot clerk for many years and I think it was a very well done process. All the possible "new excuses" you've outlined seem like much more "red tape" than what we currently have. I often choose to vote by absentee ballot and would be very upset if the option is taken from me. Georgia is a leader in elections, please don't take us backwards.

Sincerely,
Laura Bassett
Director of Elections and Registration
Springfield, GA
xxx-xxx-xxxx
xxx-xxx-xxxx (mobile)

Email Subject: Keep No-Excuse Voting!!

Email Sender: Elaine Gerke

Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

I am sure you realize the many reasons why voters choose this form of voting. I live in a rural Georgia county (Banks) where we have ONE prescient. It is difficulty for many people, whether young or old, disabled or healthy, to get to the polls on election day. Voting needs to be accessible to all, and easy for all. That is the democratic way!

Please, don't prevent many honest citizens of Georgia from exercising their right to vote!

Elaine Gerke
Maysville, GA

Email Subject: No-Excuse Absentee Ballots MUST REMAIN in place!
Email Sender: Ilene Kent
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. Isn't that what we want? As many people to vote as possible? Why are we always putting obstacles up for the voters. Eliminating it is a very bad idea, especially in the middle of an Election Year.

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Sincerely,
Ilene Kent
Columbus, GA

Email Subject: No excuse
Email Sender: Laura Lieberman
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Laura C. Lieberman
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: no excuse absentee ballots
Email Sender: betholland1
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Please vote NO on eliminating no-excuse absentee ballots in Georgia. Most states allow this type of request for absentee ballots. This would make it harder for older people, people with jobs that require work with no pay if they are absent to vote, students who cannot miss classes, young parents with children, people who live in rural areas., people with no transportation options to get to the polls, etc. Absentee voting is essential if we are to truly believe in voting rights!

Bette Holland, Dawson County Resident
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Reject the Proposal to End No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Diana Hanson
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Please reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots and should not be ended! Please vote appropriately.

Margaret Hanson
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Voting
Email Sender: Susan
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Susan Nelson Bowie

Email Subject: Vote NO on Restricting Access to Absentee Ballots
Email Sender: Robin Zuniga
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

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Sincerely,
Robin Zuniga-Ortega, Ph.D.

xxxx@xxxx

No man can put a chain about the ankle of his fellow man without at last finding the other end fastened about his own neck - Frederick Douglass

Email Subject: Absentee ballots
Email Sender: Cliff Jolliff
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Please reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. My wife and I live in rural northeast Georgia, in the most southern part of Banks County. There is only ONE precinct in the county and we can't always get there on Election Day. There is absolutely no valid reason to stop the current practice.

Cliff Jolliff and Elaine Gerke
Maysville, Georgia

xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: Please REJECT proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.
Email Sender: Rick Dawsey
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Members of the State Election Board,

Please REJECT the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a secure and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting makes it harder for many people to vote - not easier.

Voting absentee is a desired option for many Georgians, including Susan and me. In the 2022 mid-term election, Georgia accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail without significant problems.

This procedural change process in the middle of an election year will also cause widespread voter confusion.

Please REJECT the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

Sincerely,

Rick and Susan Dawsey
xxxxxxxxx
Marietta, GA.
m) xxx-xxx-xxxx
xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: No excuse absentee ballots
Email Sender: hanksullivan2134
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Please, no more no-excuse absentee ballots. No more!

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Absentee voting
Email Sender: Casey Forrester
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the regressive proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. Please protect and expand the rights of Georgians.

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Sincerely,

Casey Forrester

Email Subject: Protect Absentee Balloting!
Email Sender: David Kroeber
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,

David Kroeber

Email Subject: Do Not
Email Sender: Brenda Morris
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

eliminate the no-excuse absentee voters' right.
Thanks Brenda Chatham Morris

Email Subject: KEEP No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Suzanne Delaplane
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Suzanne Delaplane

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: No-excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Allen
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. At the present time, twenty-eight states offer no-excuse voting. Eight other states conduct elections entirely by mail and send ballots to their voters automatically. In previous Georgia elections, absentee ballots have been widely utilized. Georgia implemented no-excuse absentee voting in 2005 via HB244. Georgia should not regress by removing this option for its voters. We need to make it easier for Georgians to vote -- not harder.

Email Subject: Absentee voting
Email Sender: Lynne M. Nielsen
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,

Lynne Nielsen
A Concerned Voter

Sent from my iPad

Email Subject: No Excuse Mail In Ballots
Email Sender: linda hendrix
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

SEB members,
We cannot continue the horrendously risky practice of No Excuse Mail In Ballots. Our election system, as it stands now, is filled from start to finish with risky practices. Indeed, this one is of very high risk, though it is only one of several serious issues Georgia's elections have currently in practice. Please, do NOT continue this practice of No Excuse mail in ballots.
Thank you,
James A Hendrix

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Absentee ballots in Ga
Email Sender: andrea richardson
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Georgia Legislators,

Please Service and protect the citizen, voters and taxpayers of this state by disallowing fraudulent voting. This means I do not support no excuse absentee ballots, considering what is happening in this country in our state in 2020 people need to show up at the polls to vote, unless there is a legitimate documented reason that they cannot do so, I hope you all watched 2000 mules.

In short this, Georgia resident does not support no excuse absentee ballots, and will be watching the voting records of the legislators. Thank you.

Cheryl Richardson
Lakemont, Georgia

Email Subject: Election Integrity
Email Sender: Ed Moseley
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear committee members,

Since the mail-in ballots and the dominion machines are clearly fraught with problems and corruption, will we eliminate early voting, the use of machines and return to one-day election by paper ballots? The use of these corrupt voting methodologies clearly is disenfranchising the American citizens, which is immoral and unconstitutional.

I might suggest that our Georgia National Guard help with the one-day election and oversee and monitor the actual voter tally. Eliminate the temptation to continue with a corrupt election process.

Thanks,
Ed Moseley
Atlanta Georgia

Email Subject: Public Comment for SEB
Email Sender: Tracy Adkison
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,

A Concerned Voter

Tracy Adkison

Email Subject: No Excuse Voting Ballots.
Email Sender: Maris Diamond
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Maris Diamond
xxxxxxxxxxive
Cumming, GA

Email Subject: Vote NO on proposal to eliminate no-excuse absentee voting

Email Sender: Julie McBride
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. Despite the overhyped, incorrect talking points that have been circulated by some, no-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians.

I have utilized absentee voting for many years now, as has my sister - who has multiple chronic medical issues that make it difficult for her to vote in person. We appreciate both being able to avoid waiting in a long line to vote, and the ability to track our ballot acceptance through the Secretary of State's My Voter Page.

Georgia election officials have proved repeatedly that they are more than capable of processing large numbers of absentee ballots efficiently and securely. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Please vote no on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Julie McBride
A Concerned Voter

Email Subject: Keep No-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Jay Menadue
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,

A Concerned Voter

JAY A MENADUE

Thank you for your actions!!

Email Subject: Absentee voting
Email Sender: Lynn Almand
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

As a long time voter, I am asking you to please reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is a must for many Georgians.

We are in the middle of a major election year, and complicating the voting process will only reduce our voters' opportunity to access exercise their right to vote. It is a major procedural change that could create confusion for voters and an additional burden on our election officials.

This proposal will make it harder for our citizens to exercise their right to vote. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backward on it.

If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.

Sincerely,

Lynn B. Almand
xxxxxxx
Cumming, GA

Email Subject: In favor of no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Heather Grigo
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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A Concerned Voter

Heather M. Grigo, MD

Email Subject: Support No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: lynngourley
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I'm writing in support of the proposal to end No Excuse Absentee Voting. This does not eliminate the ability to absentee vote, but it does eliminate the largest source of potential voter fraud.

If you care about the integrity and accuracy of our elections, then you must support no excuse absentee voting.

Regards,

Lynn Gourley

Email Subject: Proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.
Email Sender: Diane H.
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board:

I feel that the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting should be rejected. The state of GA should not go backward and make it harder for citizens to vote.

Sincerely,
Linda Dianne Hightower

Email Subject: Protect No-excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: marieb34
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Georgia State Election Board,

I am writing to encourage you to reject the proposed recommendation to the General Assembly that they eliminate no-excuse absentee voting. This practice is popular and safe, and getting rid of it would only serve to hurt Georgia voters.

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This proposed recommendation claims that mail ballots call into question the accuracy of election results, which is untrue. Voting by mail is fair, accessible, hugely popular, and here to stay.

Rejecting this proposal would show Georgia voters that the state election board values their convenience and places trust in the safety and security of our elections. These are all things that Georgians deserve now that we're in another presidential election year.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Barlas
Acworth, GA

Email Subject: No excuse mail in ballots
Email Sender: Brian Kerper
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Sent from my iPhoneI support abolishing no excuse mail in ballots.
Brian Kerper

Email Subject: Mail in ballots
Email Sender: bgilbert0202
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

No more mail in ballots but for the military & VETTED disabled/elderly! Eliminate ALL drop boxes, rid the state of Dominion/Smartmatic. Paper ballots tallied AND hand counted. One day voting - no more election months. It's not that hard, folks.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

Email Subject: I support no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Katie Patton
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Members of the GA State Election Board,

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Sincerely,
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Kathryn Patton
xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: Protect No-excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: rainbice
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

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Sincerely,
Rainey Hufstetler
Atlanta, GA

Email Subject: Absentee ballots
Email Sender: Nozi Hamidi
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Please PLEASE vote for ending no excuse absentee ballots. It is ridiculous to allow them to be out there - it creates opportunity for fraud. Now, more than ever we need to eliminate all opportunities for fraud during our elections!

Respectfully,
A Forsyth County Ga voter

Shahnoz Hamidi

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Proposal to eliminate "no excuse" absentee voting
Email Sender: Terry Wall
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I 100% support the proposal to eliminate "no excuse" absentee voting.

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Ballot Request
Email Sender: GLORIA JENKINS
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear State Election Board Members,
This letter is a request for you not to consider passing the No Excuse Absentee Ballot suggested by Dr. Johnson.
If you make this into law many voters will have a hard time getting to vote. Voters are already under seige by legislators, to discourage voting.

Do not take this No- Excuse Absentee Ballot Request away from Georgia Voters.

Sincerely,
Gloria Jenkins

Email Subject: Absentee balloting
Email Sender: Sean Spraezt
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,

A Concerned Voter

Thank you,

Sean Spraetz
Cell- xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Absentee Balloting
Email Sender: Melinda Deathriage
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

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Sincerely,

A Concerned Voter

Melinda Deathriage

Email Subject: No more absentee ballots in Georgia
Email Sender: JoJo
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

I support the State Election Board Proposal to Eliminate No-Excuse Absentee Ballots!

I want to get rid of no-excuse absentee ballots, because it has been proven over and over again that fraud occurs, and it is not a secure process. Even the 2005 Carter-Baker Report issued by a bi-partisan federal commission co-chaired by Jimmy Carter and James Baker III, former President George H. W. Bush's Secretary of State, stated that "absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud". Therefore, it is way past time to eliminate no-excuse absentee ballots in Georgia!

Please protect our electoral process and eliminate this avenue to voter fraud.

Jodi Mayfield
Georgia resident

Email Subject: Reject Proposal To End No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Linda Glaser
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

February 11, State Election Board,

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Sincerely,

Richard Glaser
Linda Glaser

Email Subject: Protect No-excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: karscho
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

Email Body:

Dear Georgia State Election Board,

I am writing to encourage you to reject the proposed recommendation to the General Assembly that they eliminate no-excuse absentee voting. This practice is popular and safe, and getting rid of it would only serve to hurt Georgia voters.

Voters deserve to cast their ballots in the way most convenient for them. No-excuse voting by mail gives them a great way to avoid long lines while still being able to make their voices heard.

This proposed recommendation claims that mail ballots call into question the accuracy of election results, which is untrue. Voting by mail is fair, accessible, hugely popular, and here to stay.

Rejecting this proposal would show Georgia voters that the state election board values their convenience and places trust in the safety and security of our elections. These are all things that Georgians deserve now that we're in another presidential election year.

Sincerely,
karla schottle
Atlanta, GA

Email Subject: Protect no excuse absentee ballots
Email Sender: Betsy Allinson
Email Sent: 2024-02-12

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Elizabeth Allinson

Email Subject: Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Susan Dawsey
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

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A Concerned Voter
Susan Dawsey
Marietta

Email Subject: Fwd: Re: Rapid Response --- No Excuse Absentee Voting is in jeopardy!
Email Sender: GLORIA JENKINS
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

I'm eighty eight plus years old and I don't understand why you are attempting to stop a system that is working great and benefits so many voters.
There are plenty important issues that did addressing with our tax monies. In my opinion your salary could be used more wisely.
.(Emaiedl for Art Scurry)

Email Subject: Keep No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Tim Baker
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

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Sincerely,

A concerned voter.

Tim Baker
xxxxxxxxx
Cumming GA

xxx-xxx-xxxx
timothy.xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: ELIMINATE NO EXCUSE ABSENTEE BALLOTS
Email Sender: Kelli Goodell
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Comment from very mad and concerned honest registered Georgian voter. 1 ELIMINATE THE ABILITY FOR ANY PARTY TO BLAST OUT BALLOTS WITHOUT APPLICATION FOR BEING ABSENTEE #2 If you are opening our voting system to major opportunity to cheat and fraud an election by allowing parties to blast Mail unchecked and none applied for BALLOTS, then AT LEAST keep the NAMES of those BALLOTS SEPARATE and NAME THEM SEPARATELY! Mailed out BALLOTS MUST BE CALLED "MAILED BALLOTS with NO previous request" and ABSENTEE BALLOTS requested in ADVANCE are the ONLY BALLOTS CALLED "ABSENTEE BALLOTS where a REASON HAS BEEN clearly STATED! #3 GET RID OF UNSAFE FRAUD BOXES FOR "DROP OFF" DROP OFFBOXES ARE A DISASTER! #4 ALL COUNTING AND VOTES ARE TO BE TALLIED WITHIN IN 24 HOURS OF LAST VOTING DAY! Never again on week's of "COUNTING" and "RECOUNTING" Georgians know what we saw in 2020 and it was a disgrace. CLEAN THINGS UP NOW OR GEORGIANS WILL LITTERALLY STOP VOTING IN THE FUTURE. I can guarantee that...
Kelli Goodell

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Email Subject: End the no accuse absentee ballot.
Email Sender: Lisa Jaqua
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Please support the the elimination of the no-accuse absentee ballot. The absentee ballot remains the large source of potential voter fraud. This would be the right step toward moving toward voter integrity.

Email Subject: Response to Resolution to End No-Excuse Absentee by Mail Voting
Email Sender: Anne Dover
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

February 11, 2024

Response to Resolution to End No-Excuse Absentee by Mail Voting

First let me say as an elections official of almost 17 years and someone that dedicated almost every waking moment of my life in 2020 to conducting elections, I find the comments in this resolution to be very insulting to elections officials across the state of Georgia.

Concerns/Questions/Thoughts

* If a voter wants to vote by mail, they will just lie on their absentee application and turn it in anyway. What

is the definition of absent from precinct? Does absent from precinct mean the voter is at work or out of town on vacation? All of us can say we are at work and complete an application. What is the goal here?

- * Who is going to "police" this? How do you "police" this? Will we reject applications if a reason isn't provided? Will we send letters to cure the application?
- * Are elections officials going to be burdened with yet another duty because people don't like the outcome of the 2020 election?
- * Will elections officials be expected to turn voters in if we suspect the voter is not out of precinct?
- * If you require an excuse to vote absentee by mail, there could potentially be more people voting in person. Our polling locations are already packed as full as they can be with equipment. This could lead to the need for additional equipment, additional poll workers or even needing to find larger polling locations. Adding more poll workers and equipment WILL cost the counties money. Finding enough poll workers is already challenging. Perhaps the State could throw some money our way to fund some of the unfunded mandates being placed on the counties. Not all counties are able to afford things. This could also cause longer lines. Remember, there have been issues in some older polling places with adequate circuits.
- * There is a bill, if passed, that will reduce absentee voting in person to two weeks. Once again, taking away opportunities to vote.
- * With the new watermark, I don't think counterfeit ballots will be a concern.
- * Elections officials will be the ones dealing with angry voters. It is hard to take something away that people are accustomed to.
- * ALL final tabulation is conducted at a centralized location. Early voting tabulation, Election Day precinct tabulation, Absentee by mail tabulation, UOCAVA tabulation and Provisional tabulation takes place at the county election offices. None of this is tabulated at the polling location anyway. The machine tapes are displayed on the polling place door at the end the Election Day. However, the memory cards are returned by poll workers and the results are tabulated at the elections office. If the goal is to tabulate votes at the polling places, there will need to be a lot of changes.
- * Most importantly, since 2020, more and more legislation has made it more difficult for citizens to vote. For example, drop boxes have been moved inside and can only be open during early voting and the time between an election and the runoff has been reduced thus disenfranchising elderly and disabled because there is not enough turnaround time for them to vote by mail. Why would we want to make it difficult for people to vote? As an elections official my job is to make sure all eligible, qualified voters of Cherokee County have an opportunity to vote and to conduct safe, secure, accurate elections.
- * I see this resolution as a partisan move and not in best interest of ALL Georgia voters. There has been no proof that the 2020 election was not secure and accurate. I ask that you look beyond all the rhetoric and make a decision that benefits voters instead of appeasing people denying the outcome of the 2020 election.
- * Furthermore, let me say that we have greater problems than this to focus on. We need help from the State Election Board and legislators to fund the Secretary of State Elections Division. Funds are needed for additional employees and software upgrades to GARViS.

Best Regards,

Anne

Anne Dover, Director

Cherokee County Elections & Voter Registration phone: xxx-xxx-xxxx

mobile: xxx-xxx-xxxx

e-mail: xxxx@xxxx xxxxxxxxx

Canton, GA <https://xxxxx.xxx>

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Email Subject: Please get rid of no excuse absentee ballots

Email Sender: Tom Wohlbach
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Please eliminate the potential for cheating in elections by eliminating no excuse absentee ballots.

Email Subject: No excuse absent ballots
Email Sender: daffysears
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

State election board.

This email is to let you know that we need to have no excuse absentee ballots. Our vote is our most precious gift. We do not have to have the shenanigans that we had last presidential election with all these ballots floating around. Please, I beg you to only allow absentee ballots for people who really need them. Thank you so much. I appreciate your service

Mary Sears
Cherokee county Georgia

Email Subject: Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Mike Lane
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

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Email Sender: Erin Kirsling
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

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A Concerned Voter

Erin Kirsling

Email Subject: No excuse voting
Email Sender: Robert Myers
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Please continue to allow no excuse mail in ballots. It is very convenient and there is no reason to end it. There hasn't been any fraud associated with it.

Robert and Sandra Myers

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Email Subject: Protect No Excuse Absentee Balloting!
Email Sender: Jennifer Ambler
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

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Jennifer Ambler

Suwanee, GA

Email Subject: No-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Rosalyn Coleman
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

A proposal such as this serves absolutely no one and it certainly doesn't benefit the voters of Georgia.

Voting should be one of the easiest things we do as American citizens. The laws you all choose to spend your time making and upholding should facilitate this process and make exercising our right to vote fair and accessible for everyone.

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If that's not the message you wish to send to the voters in Georgia I urge you to reject his proposal.

Sincerely,

Rosalyn Coleman
A Concerned Voter

Email Subject: No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Guersel Cosgun
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

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Guersel Cosgun

Email Subject: Urgent request to continue no-excuse absentee voting

Email Sender: Loretta Mirandola

Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

As a Georgia citizen and a member of the Gwinnett Board of Voter Registrations and Elections, I am urging you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

For the past twenty years, Georgians have been able to vote absentee for any reason. This has been very effective in ensuring that Georgia citizens are able to vote notwithstanding hectic schedules. It also allows the voters to be able to take time to review an often lengthy ballot. No-excuse voting by mail is safe, secure, and accessible and must be preserved so that all Georgians may have the opportunity to vote in a thoughtful manner.

The large number of Georgia voters who have used absentee ballots shows the importance of continuing the option of no-excuse. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail. That year my husband and I applied for absentee ballots as we were traveling out of state for the birth of our grandson. We were leaving two days before early voting began and did not know if we would be home by Election Day. It turned out that we did make it back to Georgia before Election Day. However, if no-excuse was not available then in applying for absentee ballots, would our returning home in time for Election Day have invalidated our absentee ballots? Eliminating no-excuse applications will raise many questions of fact as to whether or not the voter's purported excuse is valid.

More and more states have followed Georgia's lead and now allow no-excuse absentee ballots. There are a total of thirty-six states with no-excuse absentee ballots, including Georgia. Eliminating this very important convenience for Georgia voters would be a regressive move that would hinder Georgia's role as a leader in accessible voting methods.

Elimination of no-excuse absentee voting in a major election year would cause an undue burden on election staffs throughout the state. It would require them to establish new procedures in order to determine if proffered excuses are valid, and would increase the volume of communications to voters in order to inform those whose applications are denied that they must vote in person. As a member of the Gwinnett Board of Voter Registrations and Elections, I am quite concerned about our very capable staff having to deal with this in addition to all of their other responsibilities.

Another important consideration is that in Georgia a large percentage of absentee voters are Asian American and Black. This move would have a negative impact on these voters as well as all voters with financial challenges who must work two or three jobs to get by.

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting would adversely impact a great many of Georgia voters and would have no positive impact on our elections. I am urging you to please look at the many downsides of eliminating no-excuse voting by mail and defeat this ill-advised proposition.

Sincerely,

Loretta J. Mirandola

Loretta J Mirandola
Member, Gwinnett Board of Registrations and Elections
Attorney at Law

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Lawrenceville, Georgia
xxx-xxx-xxxx
xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: Voting
Email Sender: carol jeras
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

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Carol Jeras
Marietta, GA
A Concerned Voter

Email Subject: Vote NO on the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Pam Shaouy
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

Vote NO on the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

The proposal is designed to restrict democracy, suppress certain voices, and sow distrust in the voting process.

Policies should strengthen our democracy by making it easier for citizens to vote.

Vote NO on the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

Pam Shaouy
Woodstock, GA

Email Subject: please do not
Email Sender: betholland1
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Dear Committee

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Absentee ballots are an important part of our election system. People with children, elderly, disabled, and working people find this the best way to vote; please don't take this away by taking away no-excuse absentee voting!

Bette Holland, Dawson County Legislative Committee
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Absentee Voting Support

Email Sender: Tricea Marshall
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

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Tricea Marshall

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Email Sender: Seth Taylor
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

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Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is a favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail. Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion. Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. Georgia has nearly 20 years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backward on it.

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Sincerely,

A Concerned Voter

Seth Taylor

Email Subject: No-excuse Absentee Voting Elimination
Email Sender: Lawrence Anthony Brannen
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter

Lawrence Anthony Brannen

Email Subject: Don't end no-excuse absentee voting in Georgia
Email Sender: Kathy Brister
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

To Members of the Georgia State Election Board:

Please reject the current proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting in our state.

Georgia has allowed no-excuse absentee voting for nearly two decades. No-excuse absentee voting has proven to be a safe, secure and accessible way for hundreds of thousands of Georgia voters to cast their ballots.

We should be proud of this success.

Don't derail it — and further burden our electoral process in the midst of a major election — by ending no-excuse absentee voting. Doing so would cause confusion and significantly reduce voting access for the Georgians you represent.

With regards,
Kathy Brister
Georgia Voter

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Tom Wade
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,
I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgians to vote. In the 2022 midterm election, the state accepted almost 250,000 mailed ballots.
I have been attending election board meetings in Whitfield County for four years. Many of its voters live in sparsely populated rural areas. Having mail-in ballots available has significantly improved access for these voters.
Also, my grandson is attending the University of Georgia in Athens. His home is in Carrollton, 120 miles away. Absentee voting will enable him to vote in this year's elections.
Applying this procedural change in the middle of a crucial election year, in which the turnout may surpass previous records, will cause an immense burden on election officials. And I am afraid it will cause widespread voter confusion.
Georgia has twenty years of experience with absentee voting. We Georgians should be proud of this success instead of considering ways to reverse it. Thirty-six states use no-excuse absentee voting, and more will continue to do so.
I cannot help but think that ending or limiting no-excuse absentee voting will send the message that the State Elections Board wants to make it harder for Georgia citizens to vote.
Sincerely,
Tom Wade

Email Subject: GET RID OF MAIL IN BALLOTS!
Email Sender: Scott Cooley
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Paper Ballots! One day voting.

Email Subject: Proposed changes to voting.
Email Sender: Maggie Zwettler
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

I am writing to strongly object to any further changes to voting accessibility in Georgia. We should be expanding, not reducing, access to the ballot. As citizens, it is both our right and responsibility to vote. As state leaders, your role should be to support all Georgians and ensure they can cast ballots.

Many people work long hours as well as hold down more than one job or attend school. Not everyone's schedule can accommodate the available voting hours. Many people cannot leave their homes, for a variety of reasons. These people depend upon absentee voting, accessible drop boxes, and a long early voting window. Please show you are committed to fair voting in Georgia and do not make further changes to elections.

Margaret Zwettler
xxxxxxxxx
Canton, GA

Sent from my iPad

Email Subject: Keep no-excuse safe voting
Email Sender: susannah.s.campbell
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Dear Board of Elections,
Please reject the motion to end no-excuse absentee voting.
No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure and accessible way to vote – and, frankly, it is ridiculous that anyone is trying to take it away in this day and age where EVERYTHING is more convenient.
Thank you,
Susannah
Susannah Campbell
xxx-xxx-xxxx
Click one of the links below to schedule a meeting for:
30 minutes
60 minutes

Email Subject: No-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Lori McAllister
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

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Sincerely,

Lori McAllister
Bartow County, Georgia
A Concerned Voter

Email Subject: Georgia State Election Board Members
Email Sender: Mary Beth Bugea
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Georgians For Truth, Catoosa Chapter

Fort Oglethorpe, GA
February 11, State Election Board Members
xxxx@xxxx

Dear State Election Board Members,

Georgians for Truth have activated statewide to demand that our County Boards of Election go to hand-marked, hand-counted paper ballots that are counted at the precinct level. We know that 70% of the electorate no longer trust the voting machines, whether it is the BMD's or scanners.

In order to restore public trust, transparency and security to our Georgia elections, the SEB must, in the long-term, switch to security-grade, hand-marked, hand-counted paper ballots that are counted at the precinct level.

We know that the current Dominion scanners can and do read the hand-marked provisional ballots which do not have the QR codes on them. We also know that each precinct is required to have on-hand, on election day, paper ballots for 10% of the registered voters of that precinct. The simple remedy, in the short-term, would be to provide paper ballots, without QR Codes, for all 100% of the registered voters of each precinct.

Below is a similar letter of the ones set to our county BOE members:

What do we all have in common? Freedom! We live in the greatest country in the history of the world because of the U.S. Constitution, which is based on our Judeo-Christian values.

When a woman asked Benjamin Franklin what kind of government have you given us, he said, "A

Republic, Madam, if you can keep it!" He later also said, "It is the first responsibility of every citizen to question authority."

President Abraham Lincoln, in his Gettysburg address in November 1863 said, "...that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain – that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Our Republic has survived 247 years because of citizen participation in government. When we, the citizens of the U.S. and Georgia participate directly in government, we ensure its' survival.

We all know that our rights come from our Creator, not government, and it is even enshrined in our Declaration of Independence. And one of those rights is the right to vote. We elect our choice of public servants. However, since the 2020 elections, overwhelming evidence is being exposed that our right to vote is being usurped by multiple methods of election fraud, the worst of which is the manipulation of the electronic voting systems by lawless and immoral actors. And now, the majority of the U.S and Georgia citizenry no longer trust the electronic voting systems and demand their removal.

Evidence of the illegality, vulnerabilities and fraud, with the Dominion Voting System, here in Georgia, is displayed in Judge Amy Totenberg's Opinion and Order in the Curling vs Raffensperger Case, October 11, 2020, the Halderman Report (can be found on xxxxx.xxx under the "Studies" tab), the website <https://xxxxx.xxx> and Dr. Shiva's Affidavit.

Dr. Shiva's analysis of DeKalb County showed a "weighted race" algorithm suggesting a consistent and automated modification of vote totals in the 2020 Election transferring 48,000 votes in favor of Biden.

Furthermore, Senator Colton Moore, who was a Georgia State Representative at the time, told us that when the House voted on the Dominion Voting System, it did not include the Quick Response (QR) Code on the ballots.

UNREADABLE QR CODE IS UNLAWFUL SOFTWARE/HARDWARE

Official Code of Georgia O.C.G.A. § 21-2-300(a)(2) mandates voting on "electronic ballot markers" that ... (2) produce paper ballots which are marked with the elector's choice in a format readable by the elector". (emphasis added). Pursuant to the OPINION AND ORDER by US District Judge Totenberg in Curling vs Raffensperger, the current electronic voting system in Georgia utilizing the Dominion ballot marking devices (BMD), scanning equipment and software violates Georgia Statute by utilizing "an unencrypted, humanly unverifiable QR code that can be subject to external manipulation and does not allow proper voter verification and ballot vote auditing." This humanly unreadable QR code negates the voters right to know exactly how their vote is tabulated and undermines transparency and trust in the process and renders their use impracticable.

CYBERSECURITY VULNERABILITIES NOT MITIGATED

The Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Advisory recommended upgrading the Dominion software on 6/3/2022. The Halderman Report released 6/2023, a report held secret for almost 2 years, provides damning evidence of the vulnerability of the Dominion Image Cast X Ballot Marking Devices (ICX BMD). The Secretary of State defended his inaction based on the MITRE Report. This was followed by a letter from 29 cyber security experts (van be found on xxxxx.xxx under the "Studies tab) demanding a retraction of the MITRE Report as a dangerous and misleading risk assessment.

SECRETARY OF STATE REFUSAL TO ACT

Dominion software updates were released in 2019, 2020, 2022 and 2023, yet there's been no effort to install the upgrades. Secretary Of State Raffensperger has known of the Halderman Report since 10/2020. In addition, Mr. Raffensperger has had the CISA Advisory since 6/3/2022. The failure to implement the approved software updates and correct the vulnerabilities is ongoing. In fact, based on these third-party reports and advisories on the security of the software, Mr. Raffensperger might be guilty of violating O.C.G.A. 21-2-324 and 21-2-379.24. Further, municipalities are to "provide voting machines in good working order" per O.C.G.A 21-2-323. The election superintendent, Board of Elections/Registrars, Board of Commissioners may be complicit of wrongdoing by certifying future elections that lack appropriate cybersecurity updates.

LEGAL AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT PAPER BALLOTS, HAND COUNT

O.C.G.A. 21-2-334 provides "if a method of nomination or election for any candidate or office, or of voting on

any question is prescribed by law, in which the use of voting machines is not possible or practicable, or in case, at any primary or election, the number of candidates seeking nomination or nominated for any office renders the use of voting machines for such office at such primary or election impracticable, or if, for any other reason, at any primary or election the use of voting machines wholly or in part is not practicable, the superintendent may arrange to have the voting for such candidates or offices or for such questions conducted by paper ballots” (emphasis added).

OATH OF OFFICE, DUTY TO CERTIFY AS ACCURATE
O.C.G.A. 21-2-334 and 21-2-493 provide for hand counting of ballots. It is the duty of the Election Director to certify the elections of Catoosa County are accurate. Further, the oath of office of the Election Director and Board of Elections/Registrars, pursuant to O.C.G.A 21-2-70-15 requires them to “prevent any fraud, deceit, or abuse in carrying on the same, and affirm that I will make a true and perfect return of such primaries and elections”. Considering the security vulnerabilities, the neglected software maintenance requirements, and the illegality of utilizing the QR code described above, it would seem that the Election Director, Board of Elections/Registrars, and Board of Commissioners would want to do everything in their power to ensure that going forward our county will only use voting methods that can be publicly verified to garner public trust in their accuracy.

LOSS OF TRUST BY VOTERS
Voters on all sides of the political spectrum have been raising concerns about electronic voting since its inception in the early 2000’s. Elections will be viewed as valid only when the people can trust the voting process. That is not currently the situation. Consequently, based upon vulnerabilities and election security issues outlined above, it is incumbent upon the elected and appointed representatives of Georgia to provide for secure and transparent elections that citizens will actually trust. Counties need to decentralize the process, the poll books, and the counting.

Does the SEB represent us, the electorate? If you represent the Georgia citizenry, we demand that you do the legal and ethical thing. THE REMEDY FOR THE VOTERS OF GEORGIA: SECURITY GRADE HAND-MARKED, HAND-COUNTED PAPER BALLOTS, THAT ARE COUNTED AT THE PRECINCT LEVEL INCLUDING ABSENTEE BALLOTS ON THE DAY OF ELECTION.

Sincerely,
Mary Beth Bugea
Chairwoman

Email Subject: Proposal to Board on "No Excuse Absentee Voting"
Email Sender: Richard Parker
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Georgia State Elections Board
2 MLK Jr. Drive
Suite 802 Floyd West Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

February 11, State Election Board,

I am writing regarding the proposal of Dr. Johnston to initiate a Board campaign to eliminate the option of eligible Georgia voters to choose to vote by absentee ballot instead of voting in person without having to express any reason for doing so. This proposal should be rejected by the Board, as it in no way protects “the precious right [of eligible Georgia voters] to cast a ballot,” a fundamental responsibility of the Board to Georgia citizens (see About The State Election Board | Georgia Secretary of State (xxxxx.xxx)). Instead, the proposal seeks to restrict and reduce opportunities for Georgia voters to exercise that right.

Dr. Johnston’s reasons for advancing the proposal essentially boil down to one idea: that the option of eligible

Georgia voters to choose to vote by absentee ballot as opposed to voting in person should be eliminated because there is a segment of people in Georgia who believe, without any supporting evidence, that absentee voting is riddled with fraud, and who have filed numerous complaints about absentee voting as a result. She also contends that there is sufficient early voting to offset the need for absentee voting by choice.

The Board and the Secretary of State’s office may have received these types of complaints, especially following the 2020 election, but the more pertinent question is how many of the various complaints were found to be supported by evidence? According to the Heritage Foundation, since 2010, in Georgia, there have been four substantiated cases of election fraud involving absentee ballots (none involved the 2020 election)(see Voter Fraud Map: Election Fraud Database | The Heritage Foundation).

It seems to me that if there is any measurable public distrust of any part of our election system, the Board’s responsibility is to confront that distrust and assuage the public of the integrity of the system by promoting it, instead of tearing it down and making it more difficult for Georgia citizens to exercise their right to vote.

Given that the legislature is now considering a proposal to shorten early voting, Dr. Johnston’s argument that early voting is an adequate substitute for people who would choose to vote absentee instead of in person is suspect.

The fact of the matter is, offering the option of absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot, even if they don’t meet the overly restrictive criteria that the law once imposed and to which Dr. Johnston now wishes to return. The reliability and integrity of absentee voting, without excuse, has been proven since its inception in 2010.

Sincerely,
Richard Parker

Columbus, GA
xxx-xxx-xxxx
xxxx@xxxx

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<xxxx.xxx> Sender notified by
Mailtrack 02/11/24, 02:29:16 PM

Email Subject: Re: No- excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Cheryl Scheck
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Cheryl

On Feb 11, 2024, at 2:24 PM, Cheryl Scheck <xxxx@xxxx> wrote:

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Sincerely,

Cheryl Scheck
xxxxxxxxxmyrna, GA

Email Subject: REJECT the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: jimmy rosemanor
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

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Sincerely,

James Rose

Email Subject: Continue to allow No-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Janet Rau
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

The impact of restricting absentee voting is much too great for this to even be a consideration for our state.

It would disenfranchise many segments of our communities for whom standing in hours long lines is simply not an option.

Additionally, there would be additional impacts on precinct staffing and the county election offices as they would be forced to work through additional levels of challenges to ballots and likely provisional ballots from people unsure of their absentee ballot status.

There are no upsides in eliminating this part of absentee voting.

Sincerely,

Janet Rau

Email Subject: Say no to ending no excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Susan Venezia
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Many people need to vote absentee: those who travel for leisure, travel for business, look after young children or elderly relatives, are disabled, etc. There has been no problem with absentee voting in the past. This appears to be yet another attempt to prevent people from exercising their right to vote, which is un-American.

Sent from my iPad

Email Subject: We reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Michael S Smith
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

The State Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots.
We are residents at Celebration Village Forsyth, a senior living community.

Michael S. Smith & Margaret J. Smith
Forsyth County registered voters

Email Subject: Absentee ballot voting.
Email Sender: Charlie Key
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Voting is the oxygen of democracy and we should encourage all eligible voters by making it as easy as possible. Non of us can know for sure the obstacles other citizens may face in making it in person to vote on Election Day. I am now retired but when I was working and had young children there were many times it was very difficult and sometimes not possible to go vote. When citizens are free to vote Democracy wins. Keep voting accessible. Thank you

Charlie Key
xxxxxxxxx
Mableton, Georgia

Charlie

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Tania K. Robinson
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

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A Concerned Voter

Tania K. Robinson

Email Subject: Absentee voting
Email Sender: Mike
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting which has been shown to be safe, secure, and an accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots since 2003. There is only one reason for the Board to eliminate no excuse absentee voting and that reason is inexcusable. Do your job and block this proposal. Sincerely
Michael J Binns DDS

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Voting Legislation
Email Sender: Rain Rose
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

To the Members of the The Election Board,

Please reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. It is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballots.

In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail. These Absentee ballots arrived safely. This is a secure method of casting ballots and is a favorable option for many Georgians who may not be able to get to the ballot box on Election Day.

It is quite ridiculous, and potentially seen as a very partisan move to apply this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year. It will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.

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Sincerely,
Lorraine Rose
A Concerned Georgia Voter

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject:
Email Sender: Jenise Young
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Email Subject: NO: Dr. Johnston's Proposal To Eliminate No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Susan Clymer
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

To: Members of the State Election Board
From: Susan Dix Clymer, A Very Worried Voter
Date: February 11, 2024

I urge the Board to reject Dr. Johnston's proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a secure and flexible means for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. Consider the following:

1. The main advantage of no-excuse absentee voting is that it increases accessibility. This method accommodates those who work, who have childcare issues, and those who must travel long distances during AIP and Election Day.
 2. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - -not easier.
 3. Data from other states who employ no-excuse absentee voting has confirmed this method is safe and does NOT encourage fraud.
 4. Finally, we are in the midst of this election cycle, and applications for absentee ballots started Dec. 25, 2023. There is already voter disorientation with new districts. This additional change promotes more restrictions and confusions with voting. SO, WHY NOW?
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Email Subject: please vote no to eliminate no excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Mark Maloney
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Dear State Election Board,

I am writing to ask you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

- * Georgia has 20 years experience with no excuse absentee voting and it has proven to be a safe and successful.
- * A significant majority of states in our great country allow no excuse absentee voting because it is the right thing to do. We should not regress to the time when barriers to voting were created to stop certain ethnic groups from casting their vote.
- * It is important for a true democracy to have large voter turnout. This shows that the election process and the democratic process is valid. We need to be able to hear all voices.
- * Making this change now in the middle of an election cycle will cause confusion and create a situation where many do not get to cast their vote.

Please vote for what is best for all voters and vote to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

Mark Maloney
Faninin County Voter and Georgia Citizen since 1966.

Email Subject: Opposition to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Leigh MALONEY
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Leigh Ann Maloney
Morganton, GA

Email Subject: Do NOT eliminate/restrict no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Valerie Manson
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Valerie Manson

Email Subject: Save no-excuse absentee voting!
Email Sender: coachrun2002
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

To the State Election Board:

Georgia has made it increasingly easy to cast an absentee ballot! Georgia should be proud of this and should not move backwards to restrict this!

The goal should be to get as many Georgians to vote and restricting this hurts many Georgians.

Let's face it...life is messy and life is hard for many Georgians! Eliminating no-excuse voting impacts hourly wage workers, workers without cars, people with small children, and more!

Let's be the state that encourages voting and does not restrict it!

Don't communicate to Georgians that the State Election Board wants to make it harder, not easier, for them to vote!!!

Respectfully,
Jean Richardson
Gwinnett County

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Email Subject: no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Larry DeNise
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Larry DeNise

Email Subject: NO to Dr Johnston proposal!
Email Sender: Susan Todd-Raque
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

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I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

First of all this makes it harder for someone like my 92 mother in assisted Living and my 85 year old sister-in-law who cannot drive to vote. And the following:

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Susan Todd-Raque
xxxxxxxxxx

Email Subject: Save No- Excuse Voting
Email Sender: White Susan
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

I live in a 500 resident retirement committee in South Hall County (Del Webb Chateau Elan) and most of our residents do early voting in order to avoid lines that can be physically taxing. The majority of us that this includes are younger than 75 years old. Early voiting is convenient and allows us to vote without having to work around travel plans, doctor appointments, and inclement weather. It's the right thing to do for all of us.

Susan White
xxxxxxxxxx
Hoschton, GA

Email Subject: Absentee voting
Email Sender: possumlove54
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S20 FE 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Dona McKee
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

I'm writing to you to reject the NO EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING BILL. GA voters deserve as many ways to vote as possible. Currently, I'm able to travel to vote and stand in lines and wait to vote. This may not be true of many; they need the convenience of voting by mail.

Sincerely,
Dona McKee
Sent from my iPad

Email Subject: No-excuse absentee ballots
Email Sender: Jay Purvis
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Dear State Election Board,

I am writing you concerning the use of No-excuse absentee ballots in Georgia. There should not be any absentee ballots allowed except under very strict reasons. Otherwise, it is too easy for bad actors to impact elections. I also would like to see voting machine use eliminated. I have worked in Information Technology for more than 25 years, and I know that using machines will never be secure. This is especially true when you have NO ACCESS to the Source Code the machines run on. And the State DOES NOT have the Source Code.

Thank you,
CJ Purvis
xxxxxxxxx
Cumming GA

Email Subject: No excuse absentee voting should not be allowed in Georgia. I feel this has been abused and altered true voting in our state.
Email Sender: Diane Haines
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Proposal to end no-excuse voting by absentee ballot - VOTE NO!
Email Sender: Suze Samson
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Elections Board:

The proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting is misguided. There are many Georgia voters who rely on the ability to vote absentee, and taking away this right would disenfranchise scores of Georgia voters. These include:

- * Elderly voters who have difficulty traveling to polling places
- * Disabled voters who have difficulty traveling to polling places
- * Shift workers who work shifts that do not allow them to participate in daytime voting, even during early voting periods
- * People who travel for business, who may not know ahead of time that they will be out of town during voting periods

Voting should be as easy as possible for all voters. No-excuse absentee voting provides a means of voting for people who cannot make it to the polls in person. The state should be encouraging, not discouraging, all eligible voters to vote in whatever permissible, legal way allowed, and no-excuse absentee voting should be one of those ways.

Please VOTE NO on this proposal. It's the right thing to do.

Thank you,
Susan Samson
Fayetteville, GA

Email Subject: Removal of no-excuse absentee voting - NO, you've got it wrong!
Email Sender: John Samson
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Dear Elections Board,

As a working-class voter I am disappointed to hear that you're considering ending no-excuse absentee voting. Many hard working Americans have schedules that make in-person voting difficult if not impossible and yet

would be allowed no mechanism to vote absentee given your proposal.

I have often traveled for my work on a spur-of-the-moment basis and have not been in town for Election Day, or even for the entire early-voting period. This work has a demanding schedule and typically requires a twelve hour, six-day-a-week routine which has not allowed me or my colleagues to vote in person during early voting. The practice of no excuse absentee voting has allowed me to vote regularly in the past, both here and in my previous states of residence. Please do not take away this basic right! To be more clear, if you pass this resolution I will go to great extremes to vote against any and all elected officials who support passage of this legislation.

Thank You,

John Samson
Fayetteville, GA
xxxx@xxxx
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: No excuse absentee votoing
Email Sender: Deb Kent
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board

I am writing in protest of the proposed no-excuse absentee voting. The no-excuse absentee voting is a safe and secure way for many voters to cast their ballot. It is also easily accessible for many.. Historically absentee voting has proven to be safe and secure. The State already has a precedent of accepting almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail. Changing this process will add to the already confused voting process due to district changes, and polling places. Georgia has led the way for the past 20 years in the nation for experience in absentee voting. We should be proud of this success and not try to put restrictions on it. No excuse voting elimination is biased on the Asian and Black population of the State. These groups want to participate in our voting process but are unable to get to the polls. This is their way to have their voice heard. Georgia needs to make it easier for its citizens to vote, not more difficult.

Regards
Deborah Kent
A concerned citizen and voter

Email Subject: elimination of at-will absentee voting
Email Sender: Carol Goodson
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Please do not remove yet another method for people to vote... there can be many reasons why a person would want or need to use an absentee ballot. Voting is a RIGHT, not a privilege--and we ought to be making it as easy as possible, not harder! Please, please--do not do this!

Sr. Carol Goodson, CSJ

East Point GA

Email Subject: More on mailing ballots
Email Sender: jennifer salandi
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

"Mail in ballots and those that promote it are the cause of massive election fraud in America. Ever since we were forced into using massive mail in ballots because of the false threat of the Covid nightmare, our elections have not been the same.

We should not and cannot accept ANY fraud in our elections, yet we do."

Email Subject:
Email Sender: Jeanette Petrozella
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Jeanette Petrozella

Email Subject: Protect No-excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: deborahwharff
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Dear Georgia State Election Board,

I am writing to encourage you to reject the proposed recommendation to the General Assembly that they eliminate no-excuse absentee voting. This practice is popular and safe, and getting rid of it would only serve to hurt Georgia voters.

Voters deserve to cast their ballots in the way most convenient for them. No-excuse voting by mail gives them a great way to avoid long lines while still being able to make their voices heard.

This proposed recommendation claims that mail ballots call into question the accuracy of election results, which is untrue. Voting by mail is fair, accessible, hugely popular, and here to stay.

Rejecting this proposal would show Georgia voters that the state election board values their convenience and places trust in the safety and security of our elections. These are all things that Georgians deserve now that we're in another presidential election year.

Sincerely,
Deborah Wharff

Email Subject: No -Excuse Mail In Ballots
Email Sender: linda hendrix
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Dear SEB members,

We cannot continue the horrendously risky practice of No-Excuse Mail In Ballots. Our election system, as it stands now, is filled from start to finish with risky practices. Indeed, this one is of very high risk, though it is only one of several serious issues Georgia's elections have currently in practice. Please, do NOT continue this practice of No-Excuse mail in ballots.

Thank you,
Linda Hendrix

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: DO NOT ELIMINATE NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING
Email Sender: Frank Lock
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Hello,

I am writing regarding no-excuse absentee voting. The right to vote is one of the pillars of our republic. It is your responsibility to work to encourage the most eligible voters to exercise their right. You must not eliminate No -Excuse Absentee voting.

Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail. Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion. Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it.

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Francis D. Lock
Hall County, GA

Email Subject: Fwd: Post from Big Fish
Email Sender: jennifer salandi
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

More and more everyday. All absentee ballots!!

Stop!

----- Forwarded message -----
From: jennifer salandi <xxxx@xxxx>
Date: Sun, Feb 11, 2024, 8:49 AM
Subject: Post from Big Fish
To: jennifer salandi <xxxx@xxxx>

Big Fish (@BigFish3000) posted at 9:15 AM on Wed, Feb 07, 2024:
40,000 sworn affidavits and documents were delivered of suspected illegal election activity to R Governor Brian Kemp's office. He later claimed the election was secure and fair and he was not aware of any instances.
Credit: @BreannaMorello <https://t.co/zT7k31j18k>
(xxxxx://xxxxx/xxxxx)

Email Subject: No excuse absentee ballots
Email Sender: Lee Jones
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

In the course of trying to have a true and fair election it is only common sense that a ballot that the chain of custody cannot be verified, such as in the case of almost all no excuse ballots., it is impossible to have such an election...

It is impossible to be assured that those ballots are even being used by the people they were designed to help. These ballots are purely in place for nefarious use... and they SHOULD NOT EVERY BE PERMITTED IN A GEORGIA ELECTION AGAIN... PERIOD !!

Email Subject: No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: rkmeisterx
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Jeanette Petrozella
Woodstock, GA

Email Subject: No-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: rkmeisterx
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
A Concerned Voter
Ronald E. Kraus
Woodstock, GA

Email Subject: Absentee Voting
Email Sender: kp222
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

The haphazard mailing of ballots to people just because they are supposedly on the Voter rolls cannot happen again. The 2020 election results were skewed because of lack of chain of custody. Also, failure to follow the law and properly verify signatures and addresses on all mail in ballots. Absentee ballots should be requested by the citizens and their validity checked before issuing a mail in ballot. All requests must be retained and open for inspection for the same time frame as all other election mandated by statute. Sincerely Keith Allen, Cherokee County voter

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android

Email Subject: Reject end of no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Kathryn Harris
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Kathryn J. Harris
Board Member, Greene County
Board of Elections
Greensboro, GA
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Keep No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: PEGGY GASTRIGHT
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

To: Members of the State Election Board

Please reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. My family and friends have always been able to vote by no-excuse absentee voting. My adult sons both work two jobs, and they have to vote by absentee ballot. My elderly friends always enjoy voting by absentee ballot.

As a board, you should not be trying to make it harder for patriotic Georgians who want to vote.

Sincerely,

Peggy Gastright
xxxx@xxxx
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Georgia Voting
Email Sender: ga62008
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

SEB:
Eliminate no-excuse absentee voting.
Thank you

Email Subject: Eliminating Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Tom Klenc
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

To Members of the State Election Board:

It is my understanding the State Election Board will be considering a proposal to eliminate no-excuse absentee voting, or, in general practice, absentee voting.

What's next? The jelly bean test?

Thank you
Tom Klenc

Email Subject: Vote NO on eliminating no-excuse absentee voting. KEEP the option for no-excuse absentee voting.
Email Sender: naturalvoter
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to voice my opinion that the Board should definitely KEEP no-excuse absentee voting. I am 62 years old, with a 76 year old husband who has health issues, and absentee voting was an absolute LIFE saver, for me, during Covid. I anticipate it being a necessity again, in the future.

The state has many years of experience with this method of voting. I've always been proud that this state offered this option.

The elimination of no-excuse absentee voting would appear, to me, that the State Elections Board wants to make it HARDER for me to vote. That's not democratic. That's not right.

Please KEEP no-excuse absentee voting. Thank you.
Martha Kent
Canton, Georgia

Email Subject: Voter fraud
Email Sender: jennifer salandi
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Explain this please. More coming out everyday!

Email Subject: No absentee ballots

Email Sender: jennifer salandi
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

With the horrendous voter integrity issues Georgia faces voters want paper ballots and IDs. We all realize with 2000 mules the abuse that we experienced 2020. we saw it, boxes of ballots being dumped.

STOP.
How many thousands/millions of absentee ballots were mailed out in Georgia? We are being laughed at for our corruption, Raffensberger especially.

Stop it!! NOW.

Jennifer Salandi
Chatham County GOP
Precinct chair Dist 1-12
GRA Chatham County Savannah

Email Subject: no-excuse absentee ballots
Email Sender: j prince
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

I'm writing in opposition to the use of no-excuse absentee ballots....and mail in ballots in general

Email Subject: Public Comment re Proposal to limit absentee ballots
Email Sender: Julie R. Glade
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

TO: State Election Board
FR: Julie Glade, Cherokee County Voter and Vice-Chair of the Cherokee County
Board of Elections and Registration

You MUST reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting.

Many voters (almost a quarter of a million!) relied on absentee voting in 2022. This is particularly true for people of color, especially Black and Asian American voters. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting will serve to disenfranchise these and other voters, including the elderly who find it difficult to travel to the voting booth, those who are immunocompromised who fear exposure, and the disabled. Each of these segments of our population deserve a voting process that is unencumbered by roadblocks.

There are many bills before the legislature already that, if passed, will put a huge burden on election staff. Supporting this significant change in this election year will throw elections offices into even more chaos and

cause many votes to not be counted due to simple voter confusion. Voters have barely accustomed themselves to the restrictions of SB 202 and VBM restrictive application time frames—throwing extra burdens on voters who need to vote by mail will only result in further chaos and lost voting opportunities.

Georgia, like several states that allow no-excuse absentee voting, has moved forward to support and enhance voting rights over the years. It is illogical for the state to regress to 2009—15 years ago—to disrupt voting access and move to actually PREVENT VOTING! WHY? Reducing access to voting will affect both major parties!

The rationale described in the proposal is based on election denial propaganda. This propaganda has been proven false many times over. As a BOER member, I have first-hand knowledge of the security of the voting process, including mail-in ballots; I am also aware of the election denier faction that provides public comment at every one of our meetings. While loud and persistent, these voters are in the minority and are simply wrong. The SEB should not base any of its actions on this inaccurate information and partisan agenda.

Even considering this proposal tells us all that the SEB wishes to make voting more difficult—it has a damaging and dissuasive effect on this very important constitutional right. This proposal, combined with the legislative bills currently pending, including elimination of drop boxes and shortening early voting time frames, are simply oppressive. The role of the SEB is to ensure that Georgia citizens have unencumbered access to vote and that voters, thereby, elect the candidates that they support. You must reject this proposal.

Sincerely,

/s/ Julie Glade

Julie R. Glade
Cherokee County Voter
Vice-Chair, Cherokee County Board of Elections and Registration
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Julie R. Glade

xxxx@xxxx
xxx-xxx-xxxx <xxxx.xxx> <xxxx.xxx> <xxxx.xxx>

Email Subject: No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Michael McKee
Email Sent: 2024-02-11

Email Body:

Dear State Election Board members,

No excuse absentee voting is a secure and voter-friendly way to enable more people to engage in the election process. To end this practice abruptly in a presidential election year, and after 15 years of its existence, sends the message of your support to suppress voting—a distinctly undemocratic stand.

Please vote to CONTINUE NO EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING.

Sincerely,
Michael McKee

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Dear election board
Email Sender: Cindy Mcneill
Email Sent: 2024-02-10

Email Body:

 Please know that I do not support this proposal to limit early voting, drop boxes and mail in voting. This is not the way forward for democracy. There is no benefit to the public to limit our opportunity to vote.

Cindy McNeill

<xxxx.xxx> Virus-free.www.xxxxxx.xxx

Email Subject: Note to election board
Email Sender: Scott Mcneill
Email Sent: 2024-02-10

Email Body:

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Scott McNeill

<xxxx.xxx> Virus-free.www.xxxxxx.xxx

Email Subject: Absentee voting
Email Sender: Kathy Downey
Email Sent: 2024-02-10

Email Body:

To the State Election Board members:

I am concerned about the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting, and am asking you to reject this proposal.

Absentee voting has proven to be safe and secure, and it allows people who have tight schedules the opportunity to cast their ballots. Georgia has successfully done this for almost twenty years, why would we want to go backwards and make it more difficult for citizens to vote?

Our democracy depends on safe, secure, and accessible voting. Please do not make voting more difficult for working people.

Thank you,
Kathy Downey

Sent from my iPad

Email Subject: Do not limit right to vote!
Email Sender: Barbara Kidder
Email Sent: 2024-02-10

Email Body:

Growing up I thought that politicians wanted to encourage all citizens to vote and voting was the most important responsibility. But now we see so many trying to limit voting by adding more and more restrictions! This is just plain wrong!!! Do not limit our voting rights by restricting our access to vote by mail.
Sincerely,
Barbara Kidder, Georgia citizen
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: ending or amending the use of no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: greg.landon
Email Sent: 2024-02-10

Email Body:

Dear Election Board.

I am a concerned voter in the state of Georgia, Forsyth County.
No-excuse absentee voting has long been known as possible avenue for fraud.
I therefore am in full support of the attached resolution.

Sincerely,
John Landon
xxxxxxxxx
Cumming GA
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: proposal to end no excuse absentee by mail voting
Email Sender: Tonnie Adams
Email Sent: 2024-02-10

Email Body:

Dear State Election Board:

I am writing a response to the proposal to end no excuse absentee by mail voting.

Voters already do not require a reason to vote early in person. Distinguishing between the two statuses may cause confusion among voters. Someone may think they are required to give a reason to vote early in person, which might deter someone from exercising that right even though there are no restrictions.

Having someone sign an affidavit swearing that they have a legitimate reason to receive a ballot by mail will require election officials to maintain yet another piece of data subject to open records requests (or will the reason to vote by mail be subject to such open records requests?)

There are still voters who do not trust the Dominion ballot marking devices and would rather vote by mail. For what reason would these voters request a ballot by mail? Would they simply say they will be required to be absent from the precinct? Would that be false swearing on an affidavit? How many voters would sign false affidavits simply because they would rather get their ballot at home?

It is true that there is no constitutional right to absentee voting. However, the number of voters who either vote early or receive a ballot by mail has reduced the number of voters who travel to the polls on Election Day. In many jurisdictions this has made election administration much easier and reduced the burden on poll workers to do their jobs.

If a reason is required to receive a ballot by mail, how long would it be before you are required to give a reason to vote early in person? Would accepting this proposal be a slippery slope toward requiring a reason to vote early in person? How would that affect the vast numbers of people who take advantage of the opportunity to vote early? Would that increase the numbers of voters who would be required to wait in lines on Election Day?

I urge you to consider the consequences of eliminating no excuse absentee balloting by mail. Do the potential consequences outweigh the argument in favor of changing the rule?

Thank you for your attention,

Charles Tonnie Adams
Heard County Elections Supervisor
Franklin, GA
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: No excuse vote by mail
Email Sender: Timothy McFalls
Email Sent: 2024-02-10

Email Body:

My concern is that the "excuse" approved today is not approved later, or when politics swing in the extreme left or right this type of bill, if made law, places Board of Election workers at peril for those that agree/disagree depending on the political powers that be.

The right to vote; should be just that. The right to vote in what ever legal method available without restrictions.

Tim

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Email Subject: No-excuse absentee ballots
Email Sender: enidalexander1
Email Sent: 2024-02-10

Email Body:

I want absentee ballots to be limited to the military and students who are in school outside their state of residence. Please refer to the study released by President Carter and Secretary of State James Baker in 2005.
Kind regards,
Enid Alexander
xxxxxxx
Marietta, GA.
xxxx@xxxx
Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: No-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Stephanie Bolton
Email Sent: 2024-02-10

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

- * Absentee voting is a safe and secure method of casting ballots and is the favorable option for many Georgians. In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.
- * Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.
- * Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it.
- * 36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer.
- * Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.
- * Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Voter
Stephanie Bolton
Woodstock, GA

Email Subject: Proposal to end no excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Frank and Michelle Maloney
Email Sent: 2024-02-10

Email Body:

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- Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Michelle Maloney
xxxxxxxxxive
Blairsville GA
xxxx@xxxx
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: No-Excuse Absentee Voting Is Essential in GA
Email Sender: anita.h.tucker
Email Sent: 2024-02-10

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

As a member of the Forsyth County Board of Registrations and Elections, I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. My experience as a voter since 1980, work as a poll worker since 2020 and board member since 2022 has taught me that no-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

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- Is voter suppression the goal? Voter suppression is both illegal and unamerican.

Sincerely,
Anita Tucker
GA Voter Since 1980

Email Subject: State Election Board - Written Public Comment - We NEED No Excuse Absentee Voting!
Email Sender: Liz Barrett
Email Sent: 2024-02-10

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. As you all know, elections here in Georgia WORK!

We must serve Georgia Voters - not the relentless, conspiracy-driven few! When is it enough? Why must Georgia voters access to the ballot be continually undermined when we have demonstrated over and over - there was NO fraud here in Georgia.

GEORGIA VOTERS DESERVE BETTER! GEORGIA VOTERS ARE TIRED OF RE-LEARNING HOW TO VOTE IN GEORGIA!

Georgia voters need access to the ballot. The State BOE must create guard rails to ENSURE Georgia VOTERS are not subject to constant undermining of their access to vote by the irrational elements that still do not believe they lost in 2020.

Maintain our VOTING ACCESS! Continue our access by maintaining No Excuse Absentee Ballots in Georgia!

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Sincerely,

A Concerned Voter and a Georgia Resident

Liz Barrett
Forsyth County

Email Subject:

Email Sender: J Harbin

Email Sent: 2024-02-10

Email Body:

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Please support every American's right to vote. Let's not let Georgia be behind the times!

Sincerely,

A Concerned Voter
Joan Harbin
Cumming GA

Joan Harbin Sent from Gmail Mobile

Email Subject: Vote No to the Elimination of No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Katherine Krummert
Email Sent: 2024-02-10

Email Body:

To the Members of the State Election Board:

I am writing as a resident of Georgia to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. In the years I have lived in Georgia, I have used absentee voting as have members of my family, and I know from direct experience in speaking with voters state-wide and from poll working, that many voters prefer absentee-voting and rely on it.

To remove it as an option would suggest that the Board does not trust this excellent process that Georgia has already used successfully for years and would certainly confuse voters. In fact, voters are already able to begin the absentee ballot process in anticipation of the presidential preference primary, and on through this year's election cycle. I would add:

- * No-excuse absentee ballot voting is used across most states in the country without major fraud.
 - * Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting--which is typically used in greater numbers by Asian American and Black voters--will narrow the number of voters, suggesting to Georgians that the Board wants to make it harder for people of color and others to vote.
- In summary, eliminating no-excuse absentee voting has both real impact on voters and creates very poor optics, working to undermine the success of the voting systems that Georgians have worked hard over time to create. Again, please do not move forward with this proposal.

Sincerely,
Katherine Krummert
Forsyth County resident

Email Subject:
Email Sender: Shawn Galey
Email Sent: 2024-02-10

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Shawn Galey
Forsyth County

Email Subject: Protect No-excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: jafrancislewis
Email Sent: 2024-02-09

Email Body:

Dear Georgia State Election Board,

I am writing to encourage you to reject the proposed recommendation to the General Assembly that they eliminate no-excuse absentee voting. This practice is popular and safe, and getting rid of it would only serve to hurt Georgia voters.

Voters deserve to cast their ballots in the way most convenient for them. No-excuse voting by mail gives them a great way to avoid long lines while still being able to make their voices heard.

This proposed recommendation claims that mail ballots call into question the accuracy of election results, which is untrue. Voting by mail is fair, accessible, hugely popular, and here to stay.

Rejecting this proposal would show Georgia voters that the state election board values their convenience and places trust in the safety and security of our elections. These are all things that Georgians deserve now that we're in another presidential election year.

Sincerely,
Joyce Lewis
xxxxxxxxx Lithonia, GA

Email Subject: VOTING RIGHTS ABSENTEE BALLOTS
Email Sender: Denise Ellis
Email Sent: 2024-02-09

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

This proposed attempt of injustice will not be tolerated by my people, and my ancestors that fought for our voting rights will not allow it. So step back and don't mess with a system that is not broke. I will not allow it. Intentional harm to my voting rights. NO!

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

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Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.

Your shameful attempt is so transparent. Obvious, who you don't want to cast a vote, STOP IT. WE SEE YOU and will fight you, tooth and nail.

Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting. The state of Georgia should be proud of this success instead of seeking to move backwards on it. The evil doers, the maga maggots, all want to stop Black votes

36 states currently use no-excuse absentee voting and more will continue to do so. If Georgia eliminates this practice, it will be a regression for the state of Georgia when we The south will NOT rise again with this kind of CRAP.

Georgia should be seeking progress and working to make voting more accessible and safer. The absurdity of this proposed injustice is demonstrative of the mental illness that has a grip on REPUGNANTS.

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. WE know that is your main goal. In the state of Georgia, mail-

in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.

Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting communicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier.

May all of you that support this, you, and your children and your children's children burn in eternal HELL for these heinously racist actions.

Sincerely,

Denise Ellis

Muscogee County

xxx-xxx-xxxx You got any questions?

Email Subject: Reject proposal to eliminate No Excuse Absentee Voting

Email Sender: Jacqueline Elsner

Email Sent: 2024-02-09

Email Body:

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot.

In the 2022 midterm election, the State accepted almost 250,000 ballots cast by mail.

* Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will cause an immense burden on election officials and will cause widespread voter confusion.

I attend all the meetings of my Athens-Clarke County Board of Elections. I know the staff and I know our Board of Elections members. They follow the law. They follow the directives of the Secretary of State, the county attorney, and your own State Election Board rules. No-excuse absentee voting helps all sorts of voters cast their

ballot, on time and in the voter's time.

Please respect everyone's time and money by rejecting this proposal.

* Since 2003, Georgia has made it increasingly easy for electors to cast an absentee ballot. In fact, Georgia has nearly twenty years of experience with no-excuse absentee voting.

* Keep Georgia voting proud by retaining no-excuse absentee voting.

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* Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting and restricting who can utilize this service will most greatly impact voters of color in the state of Georgia. In the state of Georgia, mail-in voting is used more by Asian American and Black voters.

* Please make voting easier for our Georgia voters to vote, not harder.

Please stand up for your voters and reject this proposal.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Elsner

xxxxxxxxxx

Athens, GA

xxxx@xxxx

Email Subject: Absentee Voting Proposal

Email Sender: mclaugh

Email Sent: 2024-02-09

Email Body:

February 9, State Election Board,

I am writing to submit my concerns about a proposal made by Board Member Janice Johnston related to "no excuse" absentee ballots. In her proposal, Dr. Johnston states that in order to receive an absentee ballot, voters must prove that they meet one of six eligibility requirements. Of these six, only the last one – 75 years of age or older – is easy to prove. And, on this requirement, I question why she feels the need to make the age cut-off so high. I know several people younger than 75 who are not able to drive to a polling place. They should not have to choose between not voting or navigating a trip to the polls, especially if they do not have transportation.

Looking at the remaining five conditions that would allow an absentee ballot to be issued under Dr. Johnston's proposal, I question what information the counties will require in order to confirm that the request is "approvable." This puts the counties in a very awkward position, leaving them little option but to take the voter's word for it. And if a voter is challenged on their excuse, either when requesting the ballot or after the fact, what proof can they provide that they had to give "constant care" to someone who is physically disabled, for instance? This will put the counties in a difficult place, and will take time and resources away from other duties.

Dr. Johnston's proposal goes on to say that: "no-excuse" absentee voting was helpful during the recent pandemic, but even during that period, voting was chaotic and untrustworthy." Is she saying that absentee voting was chaotic and untrustworthy? Or, all voting was "chaotic and untrustworthy?" This statement seems very out of place; I do not understand its relevance to the proposal.

I have attended several State Board of Elections meetings in the last year, and in reviewing my notes, I find very few cases of absentee ballots presenting a problem, with most problems related to in-person voting. Certainly, I am aware that some people suggest they have evidence that absentee ballots are a problem, but usually these situations show that the counties are able to detect and stop issues before unallowable voting takes place. That is to say, the systems and controls we have in place around absentee voting work.

No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia -voters to cast their ballot. And because absentee voting is the only way to vote by paper ballot, it is an attractive option for the growing numbers who are demanding "paper ballots."

I am also concerned about the timing of this proposal – does Board Member Johnston expect it to be enacted in 2024? Applying this kind of procedural change to our electoral process in the middle of a major election year will place an immense burden on election officials, as well as create widespread voter confusion. Undoubtedly, restricting who can use absentee ballots adds another barrier to voting for many legally registered Georgia voters. I cannot fathom the logic of making voting more difficult, especially knowing that this further restriction will most greatly impact voters of color. Eliminating no-excuse absentee voting indicates to Georgia voters that their State Elections Board wants to make it harder for them to vote - not easier. Please reject this proposal. Thank you for the work you do on behalf of the voters in the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,

Helen C. McLaughlin
A Georgia Voter
xxxxxxxxxx
Roswell, GA
xxxx@xxxx
xxx-xxx-xxxx

Email Subject: Support of No Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: The muldowneys
Email Sent: 2024-02-09

Email Body:

Dear Board Members,

I am in total support of No Excuse Absentee Voting. Please keep pushing this forward as Georgians have lost trust in our elections. Plus we need the SEB to deliver guidance for how counties handle voter registration challenges and voter roll maintenance.

Thank you for all you do.

Candy Muldowney
GA Registered Voter

Email Subject: Protect No-excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: jjjdbest
Email Sent: 2024-02-09

Email Body:

Dear Georgia State Election Board,

I am writing to encourage you to reject the proposed recommendation to the General Assembly that they eliminate no-excuse absentee voting. This practice is popular and safe, and getting rid of it would only serve to hurt Georgia voters.

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This proposed recommendation claims that mail ballots call into question the accuracy of election results, which is untrue. Voting by mail is fair, accessible, hugely popular, and here to stay.

Rejecting this proposal would show Georgia voters that the state election board values their convenience and places trust in the safety and security of our elections. These are all things that Georgians deserve now that we're in another presidential election year.

Sincerely,
Jimmy Best
xxxxxxx Macon, GA

Email Subject: no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Rhonda Cook
Email Sent: 2024-02-09

Email Body:

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I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. No-excuse absentee voting is a safe, secure, and accessible way for many Georgia voters to cast their ballot. I cannot imagine why such a move is even needed, considering how much no-excuse absentee voting increased voter access to the ballot.

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Sincerely,

Rhonda Cook
Atlanta, GA

Email Subject: Protect No-excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: michael.arundel
Email Sent: 2024-02-09

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Michael Arundel
xxxxxxxxx Marietta, GA

Email Subject: Reject proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting
Email Sender: Rachel Staras Lesser
Email Sent: 2024-02-09

Email Body:

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Please consider these points and reject the proposal to end no-excuse absentee voting. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,
A concerned Georgia voter,

Rachel Lesser
Suwanee, GA

Email Subject: Please Eliminate No-Excuse Absentee Voting and OTHER CHANGES
Email Sender: Michael Gordon
Email Sent: 2024-02-09

Email Body:

Since more and more evidence is showing that elections in Georgia have been chaotic and untrustworthy, we need to not only get rid of no-excuse absentee voting, but we must also:

use ballot IDs to prevent ballot-box stuffing, paper poll pads to prevent real-time changes to voter registration lists during an election;

reinstate hand-counting of all paper ballots in the precinct on election day;

make public all election records, including ballots, tally sheets, and actual voter lists, immediately after the election with sufficient time for voters to verify all results PRIOR to certification.

Thank you,

Michael Gordon
xxxx@xxxx

Sent from my iPhone

Email Subject: Protect No-excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: rscott
Email Sent: 2024-02-09

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
Robert Scott
xxxxxxx Athens, GA

Email Subject: Protect No-excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: supergranny0639
Email Sent: 2024-02-09

Email Body:

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Sincerely,
zelma smisson
xxxxxxx Fort Valley, GA

Email Subject: No-Excuse Absentee Voting Proposal
Email Sender: K Mulls
Email Sent: 2024-02-09

Email Body:

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Kevin Muldowney <Kevin.xxxx@xxxx>

Email Subject: Protect No-excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: MLOCKLEAR1
Email Sent: 2024-02-09

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Ann Schram
Savannah, GA

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Email Sender: Kimberly
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Discontinuation of this practice would begin to build up trust in the Georgia election process.

Kim Bunker
Pickens County

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Cheryl Cannington

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Email Subject: Handcount of Ballots
Email Sender: Gayle Troyer
Email Sent: 2024-02-08

Email Body:

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I pray y'all are truly paying attention to all the evidence being presented by so many experts in the fields including Jovahn Pullitzer, Inventor of QR Code who gave lengthy evidence of how Dominion machines can be hacked; 100s of people lining halls of State Capitol 2021 wanting to share what they witnessed statewide via discrepancies, fraud and machines and then those not able due to time element, Signed sworn affidavits as to what they saw and most Poll Managers, workers, watchers, etc.. Surely you know how expert, Michigan Professor Halderman used pen and in seconds proved by hacking the Dominion machine right in front of Judge Tottenberg and showed other ways as well.

How can anyone deny that there is ample evidence to show you all that there are grave reasons the Dominion machines are unreliable. If ever there is a time that voters and constituents across this state and nation need assurance that their votes will count, it's now! I'm sorry, but it will be upon all of you if we lose all of our precious liberties that we've cherished so long.

Please, hand counted ballots have been proven to be cost and time savers, but more importantly statistics over the years have proven to be the most safe. We did our mock trial in Forsyth County and it went amazingly well! 2000 counted, triple verified in less than an hour! There's so much testimony and proof out there that these Dominion machines are hackable, unreliable and can within seconds, change our nation forever! Let your conscience and the evidence be your guide and not let unscrupulous people drive our nation into ruin. It's been proven that people have more concern about election integrity than even the border issues! Every issue we hold dear, will be worth nothing if our votes do not count and we turn totally into a 3rd World country!

Thanking you in advance for your heartfelt and prayerful consideration,

Gayle Troyer
35 years non-paid volunteer lobbyist

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Sincerely,
Charlotta Ross
xxxxxxxxxx Gordon, GA

Email Subject: HANDCOUNT PAPER BALLOTS
Email Sender: Frank Schneider
Email Sent: 2024-02-08

Email Body:

Dear State Election Board,

Please review the courtroom transcripts from Judge Totenberg's courtroom regarding voting systems.

When you do, I think you will agree that we need to go to hand marked, hand counted paper ballots.

In lieu of that, we need a statewide, 100% handcount audit of all paper ballots cast in the May Primary and November General Elections. This would include any runoffs resulting, as well.

Thank you,

Frank Schneider

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Sent from Outlook

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Email Sender: lkpromo
Email Sent: 2024-02-08

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Larry King
3310 Arlington Pl Marietta, GA

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Marco Pardi
xxxxxxx Lawrenceville, GA

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Email Sender: kristin.nabers
Email Sent: 2024-02-08

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Sincerely,
Kristin Nabers
xxxxxxx Decatur, GA

Email Subject: Public Comments - Proposal on Absentee Balloting
Email Sender: Kelli Persons
Email Sent: 2024-02-08

Email Body:

Mr. Chairman & members of the board -

Attached is a letter from the League of Women Voters of Georgia regarding the proposal to end no excuse absentee balloting.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

In League,
Kelli Persons

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Kelli Persons
Lobbyist

League of Women Voters of Georgia
Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.
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Email Subject: Letter in Opposition to Proposal to Eliminate No-Excuse Absentee Voting
Email Sender: Andrew Garber
Email Sent: 2024-02-07

Email Body:

Dear State Election Board,

I attach a letter from the Brennan Center for Justice urging you to reject the proposal on the agenda for your February 13, 2024, meeting to work with the General Assembly to eliminate no-excuse absentee voting. As I explain in the letter, no-excuse absentee voting is a crucial option for both voters and election administrators.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Andrew Garber
Counsel – Voting Rights & Elections Program

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Email Subject: Testimony for 2/13/24 Meeting re No Excuse Voting proposal
Email Sender: Barbara Smith Warner
Email Sent: 2024-02-07

Email Body:

Please find below and attached as a PDF our testimony in opposition to the motion to return Georgia to excuse required absentee voting.

February 7, 2024

Dear Georgia Board of Elections,

The National Vote at Home Institute is pleased to offer our perspective on why you should reject any effort to move Georgia backward by reverting to an “excuse required” absentee ballot model. Instead, we recommend that you maintain the “no excuse required” policy that has dramatically increased voter participation, both in Georgia and in other states that have implemented that policy, while producing no partisan advantage nor any increased incidence of fraud. Instead, the increase in voting at home that no excuse provides is more efficient for election administrators and relieves the pressure of long lines and waits at polling places.

First, allowing voters to request a ballot for any reason increases voter participation. In the 2022 general election, states that required an excuse to vote at home had an average turnout of 8% points lower than states that did not require an excuse. Over the last five years, states across the country have moved to materially better access to mailed-out ballots for their voters ([link here](#)). In fact, only 7% of all US registered voters require every voter to provide an excuse to have a ballot delivered. Clearly, states are reflecting their voters’ preference to more mailed-out ballot access, not less. And no state, having moved forward providing better access to mailed-out ballots, has reversed course and moved backward.

Next, mailed-out ballot access conveys no inherent partisan benefit. A detailed study of the 2020 election, comparing states that mailed ballots to all active registered voters to those that did not, showed no material difference in partisan turnout based on that policy. This study by Stanford is the most thorough, although not the only one that demonstrates this: [xxxxx://xxxxx/xxxxx](#)

If we look at states and other jurisdictions that mail ballots to all active registered voters (far beyond Georgia’s current “no excuse” policy), if there were a partisan bias, it would certainly show up there. But from “red” states such as Utah (100% vote at Home statewide) to Nebraska (11 counties on full Vote at Home) there has been no partisan shift. Even in “blue” states like Washington, they just (2022) elected their first Democratic Secretary of State in 50 years, despite using a full Vote at Home model for over a decade. And “Blue” Oregon elected a Republican as Secretary of State in 2018, while having been 100% Vote at Home since 2000.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, while the voter engagement and turnout benefits of mailed-out ballots are easy to quantify, the security of elections is even more important. For an academic opinion, this study demonstrates that voting at home does not increase the incidence of fraud in voting. For a practical example, we can use the example of 100% vote at home states, since if higher use of mailed-out ballots led to higher incidents of voter fraud, it would certainly show up there. Oregon and Utah both automatically deliver a ballot to every registered voter for every election, and have both done so for multiple election cycles. The Heritage Foundation has arguably the most complete database of prosecuted voter fraud cases nationwide, and here's what they report:

Since 2000 in Oregon, there have been 16 cases of fraud successfully prosecuted, so fewer than 1 per year, and even then, not all were related to the fact that ballots were mailed to all active registered voters. And those 16 cases compare to over 50 million ballots cast in statewide and local races combined. In Utah, prior to counties starting to adopt 100% mailed out ballot voting, so before 2012, there was 1 case reported by Heritage. Since 2012, there have been zero.

The advent of widespread use of mailed-out ballots, at levels that far surpass Georgia's current "no excuse absentee" law, do not see any material level of election or voter fraud. There is no need to restrict Georgia's voters' access to mailed out ballots to maintain election security.

And while not necessarily front and center in your deliberations, mailed-out ballot voting saves taxpayer money. Here's a research report by PEW on Colorado's experience when they went to 100% mailed-out ballots in 2014. They lowered their cost per vote by more than \$6.

We urge you to vote "No" on the proposal to take Georgia backward in mailed-out ballot policy.

Sincerely,

Barbara Smith Warner
Executive Director
National Vote at Home Institute
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Email Subject: Comments for February Meeting
Email Sender: Holly Troxel

Email Sent: 2024-02-07

Email Body:

We have numerous voter rolls supplied to us by the Secretary of State's Office dated 12/5/2023. As I have reviewed some of the county voter rolls, I have found that voters are not being removed as required according to O.C.G.A. Sections 21-2-234 and 21-2-235. In my county alone, Fannin County, I found 319 inactive voters with the Last Date of Contact being years 2012 through June, 2014. These voters should have been removed no later than July/August of 2023, and some should have been removed in 2021. The voter rolls are not being maintained as required by Georgia Code. I believe the Secretary of State's office should be held accountable for its failure to maintain the rolls according to Georgia Code. In my opinion, all the voter rolls need to be decentralized and placed back in the hands of the local county registrar's office to maintain and have complete control over, with a copy to be supplied the Secretary of State's office.

Thank you.
Holly Troxel

