

**Testimony in support of H7071: Mail Ballots**

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To Chair Shanley and the honorable Members of the House Committee on State Government and Elections:

I strongly support early voting, because it allows voters who cannot / cannot easily vote on Election Day, out of employment or other reasons that prevent them from voting, to vote at an earlier date. It provides more flexibility for voters. It also eliminates any concerns that individual voters might have with voting by mail, in particular of those who want to make sure that their ballot is actually received and processed. Overall, early voting will result in a higher voter turnout. H 7071 provides clear and effective rules for such early voting.

I urge you to support H7071, so it can get to a vote in 2024, to be applied to the upcoming elections.

Thank you very much for considering my input.



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