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I support this bill, [House Bill 7850](#), which would establish Election Day as a day of special observation in the State of Rhode Island and restrict the use of mail ballots in elections to people who are unable to vote in person due to a disability, hospitalization, military service, or travel outside the state. This would continue the mail ballot option for those who truly need it and provide voters with more flexibility and accessibility to cast their ballots, especially where they would otherwise be unable to do so due to work.

I always took my mother to vote on election day, even when she was 92. I took a vacation day or changed my work schedule. For people who can not change their work schedule, medical personnel, etc, and those voters should be able to use Mail Ballots.

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