

Hello Committee members,

Thank you in advance for your time. I'm asking today that legislators oppose HB 2453. This bill imposes new restrictions on absentee and advance voting that could reduce access to the ballot for working families, people with disabilities, students, older adults, and those with limited transportation options. These changes threaten to make voting less accessible and less flexible, disproportionately harming voters who already face barriers to participation.

I have worked in higher education for many years and have seen the challenges facing these populations. Do not deprive them of their fundamental rights.

Thank you.