

Dear Members of the Election Committee:

I am submitting testimony in opposition of HB 2453 for these reasons:

1. Restricting the timeline for requesting advance ballots will limit voting access and disproportionately impact voters who cannot plan 14 days in advance due to work, caregiving, health, or transportation constraints. Voters of all political parties—Republican, Democratic, and Independent—will be impacted.
2. Ending in-person advance voting by 12:00 PM the day before Election Day reduces opportunities for voters who need flexible hours around their schedules. Ending in-person voting earlier than previous elections may confuse voters from all political parties and impact the number of voters.
3. These new voting restrictions risk suppressing turnout among communities already underrepresented at the polls, and, like I've stated in Points 1 and 2, impact voters from all political parties.

Sincerely,

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