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General Comment

Removing vs creative voting barriers is one of the most important steps to equal opportunity for all of our citizens to vote. Removing/resolving barriers is inclusive voting across lines of gender, ability, socioeconomic status, race or by zip code. Exclusion of individual adult citizens to exercise this right by creating unnecessary barrier, rather than to mitigate barriers is both frightening and immoral.

I have been a nurse for over 40 years and I have a passion for helping people with disabilities being holistically part of their communities. Reducing the types of voting options that we had available in recent presidential election is treating them as second class citizens. Reducing the options of mail in and other ballot options leaves them excluded from a basic right intended for all citizens. The same is true for lower income adults, senior citizens, those without transportation, and home bound people. More barriers equals less opportunity to vote.

No evidence of election fraud in the presidential outcome was apparent despite fake news. The only reason barriers are being discussed is for political partisan gain. This should not supersede the importance of contributions these valuable full citizens have made and continue to make despite many major barriers they already experience.. Voting barriers should not be added to the many others they face.