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**From:** Camden Weber <camden.weber@nextgenamerica.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2023 10:08 AM  
**To:** Eddie Sleeper  
**Subject:** NextGen America Support Testimony for HB 4695

Hello Clerk Sleeper, Chair Tsernoglou and distinguished members of the House Ethics Committee,

My name is Camden Weber and I am NextGen America's State Partnerships and Political Manager. NextGen America is an organizational member of the Promote the Vote Coalition and is the leading national organization for engaging young people in the democratic process through civic education, registration and mobilization. We invite 18-to-35 year olds — the largest and most diverse generation in American history — into our democracy to ensure our government works for them and to advocate for legislative solutions to the dire challenges facing our society and the world.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on behalf of NextGen America in support of HB 4695. Providing early voting opportunities and expanding polling locations is critically important to keeping our democracy strong and young Michiganders civically engaged.

Voting should be made easier—not harder—for all Michiganders. Young people, especially young people of color, are more likely to have impediments to voting. Providing early voting allows Michiganders to vote during a time that works for them, their families and their jobs. Early voting also eases day-of line congestion on Election Day, making the process smoother for hard-working poll workers and busy voters.

In addition to the above benefits, the Brennan Center for Justice—a nonpartisan law and policy institute—released a report detailing the benefits of early voting for our democracy, which also included improved poll worker performance, early identification and correction of registration errors and voting system glitches, and greater access to voting and increased voter satisfaction.

Michigan had the largest youth voter turnout in the country for the 2022 midterm elections. It is critical that the Michigan State Legislature does everything in its power to heed calls from this increasingly active cohort of voters, protect democracy and pass HB 4695.

Thank you,



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Hello Clerk Sleeper, Chair Tsernoglou and distinguished members of the House Ethics Committee,

My name is Camden Weber and I am NextGen America's State Partnerships and Political Manager. NextGen America is an organizational member of the Promote the Vote Coalition and is the leading national organization for engaging young people in the democratic process through civic education, registration and mobilization. We invite 18-to-35 year olds — the largest and most diverse generation in American history — into our democracy to ensure our government works for them and to advocate for legislative solutions to the dire challenges facing our society and the world.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on behalf of NextGen America in support of HB 4697. Voting should be made easier—not harder—for hard working Michiganders. Young people, especially young people of color and those with disabilities, are likely to have impediments to making it to their polling locations or to public transportation. Providing multiple voting methods will allow Michiganders to remain civically engaged in a way that works for them, their families and their jobs. The provision of drop boxes also eases day-of line congestion on Election Day, making the process smoother for hard-working poll workers and busy voters.

Michigan had the largest youth voter turnout in the country for the 2022 midterm elections. It is critical that the Michigan State Legislature does everything in its power to heed calls from this increasingly active cohort of voters, protect democracy and pass HB 4697.

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Hello Clerk Sleeper, Chair Tsernoglou and distinguished members of the House Ethics Committee,

My name is Camden Weber and I am NextGen America's State Partnerships and Political Manager. NextGen America is an organizational member of the Promote the Vote Coalition and is the leading national organization for engaging young people in the democratic process through civic education, registration and mobilization. We invite 18-to-35 year olds — the largest and most diverse generation in American history — into our democracy to ensure our government works for them and to advocate for legislative solutions to the dire challenges facing our society and the world.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on behalf of NextGen America in support of HB 4699, which will permit Michiganders to receive a ballot before each election, including presidential primary elections, following a one-time sign-up that will serve as a ballot application for every election, eliminating needless hurdles like having to submit a new application each time.

Voting should be made easier—not harder—for all Michiganders. Young people, especially young people of color, are more likely to have impediments to voting. The creation of a permanent mail ballot list will help Michiganders vote during a time that works for them and remain consistently civically engaged.

Michigan had the largest youth voter turnout in the country for the 2022 midterm elections. It is critical that the Michigan State Legislature does everything in its power to heed calls from this increasingly active cohort of voters, protect democracy and pass HB 4699.

Thank you,

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