

## Amy Rostkowycz

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**From:** Marie K <marie.choirdrama.mom@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Amy Rostkowycz  
**Subject:** House Elections and Ethics Committee Meeting today

Please include my comments into the record for today's meeting.

I am dismayed by so many of the election bills that have been submitted recently, but I am especially opposed to HB 5268. Absentee voter applications should be widely accessible to voters to encourage their participation in the process. I worry how this will impact my parents, in their 80s, who rely on the ease of using the absentee ballot process in order to cast their votes. The fact that the Secretary of State & clerks are responsible for our elections processes & functioning. Because, DURING A PANDEMIC, people were able to easily access their absentee ballots, we had the highest voter participation ever in Michigan in the November 2020 election. This testament to Americans & Michiganders sense of civic duty in the face of incredible adversity should be celebrated, not curtailed. Limits to elections officials ability to send absentee ballot applications should NOT be restricted.

Thank you,

Marie Knoerl  
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