

House Bill 1169 Elections 2020 Public Comments for May 27th Elections and Ethics Law Committee Public Comments Report - LINC

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05/22/2020 01:36 PM	Mr. Dennis Berwyn	704 Radburn Place, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	TESTING! Great Bill!
05/22/2020 02:54 PM	Lesley Warren	8613 Bournemouth Dr, Raleigh , NC 27615	True	It is your responsibility to make sure our elections are safe and secure. Whatever combination of vote by mail and in person voting is necessary. Perhaps hire more poll workers and open more locations to reduce crowding. Do your job, without partisan posturing.
05/22/2020 04:12 PM	Dr Andrea Biondi	6237 Hilbert Ridge Drive, Holly Springs , NC 27540	True	allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. No one knows what the future holds, but we should all agree: NC should not repeat the mistakes of states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus. Your actions now will encourage lawmakers to make important decisions sooner than later that make sure no voter – regardless of party – is left behind this fall.
05/22/2020 04:13 PM	Mrs. Kimberly Naff	161 Duke St, Granite Falls, NC 28630	True	House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:

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05/22/2020 04:39 PM	Mr. Sailor Jones	30 Davie Circle , Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	<p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.</p> <p>In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters — before it's too late. That includes things like:</p> <p>*allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, *broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by</p>

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05/22/2020 05:20 PM	Dr. Kathi Beratan	1708 Woodburn Rd., Durham, NC 27705	True	<p>There is no question that COVID-19 will still be a serious health problem by the November election. Changes MUST be made to make voting safer. The emergency election legislation just filed, House Bill 1169, has many good provisions but needs to be amended to expand voter protections. Changes are needed to: (1) expand access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines; (2) increase access to mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to continue using the range of IDs that are currently accepted; and (3) let counties make Early Voting plans that best serve their citizens so that people can vote in person without risking their lives by standing in long</p>

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				lines. With regards to IDs, I am concerned to learn that the proposed emergency legislation includes Voter ID language similar to that in the bill that was struck down by the courts for racial discrimination. I strongly urge the NC Legislature to amend this bill in ways that make it easier for citizens to vote safely this November and to encourage voting rather than suppress it. This is critical for the health of the people of this state, but also critical for the health of our democracy in North Carolina and in the United States of America. Thank you.
05/22/2020 05:35 PM	diane geitner	6958 Jeeter Shell Ave, Connelly Springs, NC 28612	True	The modifications to absentee-by-mail voting in this bill are necessary for the 2020 fall election in the midst of the current pandemic. The process of mail-in voting should be as user-friendly as possible in order to strengthen, not subvert, our democracy during this health crisis.
05/22/2020 05:49 PM	Incr citizen vote options T Shawn Long	111 Abercrombie Road , Wake Forest , NC 27587	True	In the midst of the covid-19 pandemic, please increase options for North Carolina citizens to exercise their right to vote. Relax some poll worker recruitment requirements, reduce vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and provide a modest financial match to release critical federal election funds to our counties, Additionally HB1169 should do more to protect

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05/22/2020 05:53 PM	Ms Lynne Allen	8506 Hollow River Court, Oak Ridge, NC 27310	True	<p>I am asking that the bill be changed to include:</p> <p>-more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID),</p>

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05/22/2020 06:34 PM	Amber Wilkes-Smith	6002 stony falls way, Knightdale, North Carolina 27545	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.</p> <p>In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:</p> <p>allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines,broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), andexpanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting</p>

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05/22/2020 06:43 PM	Dr. Heide Coppotelli	383 Seldon Emerson Rd., Cedar Mountain, NC 28718	True	<p>Other than laying down your life to defend our Democracy against foreign enemies, the most patriotic thing you can do is to protect that which makes a Democracy a Democracy -- the inalienable right of each citizen to have his and her voice counted.</p>

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05/22/2020 06:48 PM	Mr. Christopher Wells	10 Ellenwood Drive, Asheville, NC 28804	True	<p>Committee Members and Other Legislators: With elections quickly approaching, it is important to the democratic process to safeguard easy access to ballots for all people. HB1169 does address some concerns by requiring only one vote-by-mail witness. Nevertheless, this bill ignores some other recommendations such as extending vote-by-mail and online deadlines, allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots, and allowing counties to create sensible Early Voting schedules during a global pandemic that has already claimed over 95,000 lives.</p> <p>The health and safety of NC citizens must be matched with the right to vote. HB1169 must do more to protect our democratic institutions while also protecting citizens.</p>
05/22/2020 06:48 PM	Ms Mary Farmer	300 District Dr 123, Asheville, Nc 28893	True	Please, allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.

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05/22/2020 06:55 PM	Brent Miller	305 Rushingwater Dr, Cary, NC 27513	True	<p>During this unprecedented public health crisis, there is no legal or moral justification for obstacles to voting.</p> <p>"Voter fraud" is a fraud!</p> <p>Let EVERYONE vote...easily!</p>
05/22/2020 06:55 PM	Ms. Barbara Crook	1600 W. Front Street 34-B, Burlington, NC 27215	True	<p>I am a registered voter in NC and I will need ease of access to vote in the upcoming election in November 2020. Since I'm at high risk if exposed to the corona virus, I and many thousands of others will need to vote by mail. Do not deny us this access and indeed our duty to vote. Thank you.</p>
05/22/2020 07:01 PM	Mrs Mary Hardvall	206 Pheasant Run, Hendersonville, NC 28739	True	<p>HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:</p> <p>allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.</p> <p>These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a better shot at avoiding the</p>

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05/22/2020 07:02 PM	Mr Dan Livingston	5020 Turnbridge Circle Apt F, Browns Summit, NC 27214	True	Make sure ALL voters rights are protected ! We,as voters WILL be watching YOU !
05/22/2020 07:02 PM	Ms Elizabeth Andrews	23 Hawks Spiral Way , Pittsboro , North Carolina 27312	True	Please allow us to vote safely by mail. It is crazy to insist we vote at the polls during a pandemic. Thanks.
05/22/2020 07:03 PM	Mr Dave Horsman	6220 Robert Street, Huntersville, NC 28078	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.</p> <p>In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to</p>

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05/22/2020 07:04 PM	Mrs. Aleta Galusha	8428 Whitehawk Hill Rd, Waxhaw, NC 28173	True	<p>I am 72 with Type II diabetes and my husband has been a poll worker up to now and is having his 80th birthday this next month. I am afraid to go to the polls and it would be unwise for an 80 year old be a poll worker. Please consider</p>

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				all that is being asked for. This virus is a killer and we are very afraid!
05/22/2020 07:07 PM	Mr. Carl Hughes	738 W. Sumter St., Shelby, NC 28150	True	It is important that every citizen have an opportunity to safely exercise their right to vote. Please insure that resources are allocated in such a way as to insure this opportunity to all who desire to vote, in person, or absentee by mail. It is important that these actions be taken expeditiously so that this information may be communicated as widely and frequently as possible in adequate time prior to Election Day. Thank you for your consideration.
05/22/2020 07:07 PM	Ms. Deborah Dobson	32 N Clear Creek, Hendersonville, NC 28792	True	Voting in North Carolina needs to be made easy and accessible for everyone in the state - especially in light of the health crisis we are facing and will continue to face. Implement vote by mail ballots and make all polling places streamlined and safe.
05/22/2020 07:10 PM	Carol Timmons	130 rainbow dr Unit A, Hampstead, NC 28443	True	Please do all you can do to help people who are eligible to vote to vote in November!
05/22/2020 07:12 PM	Mr Don Burton	4015 chadwyck ct, Winston salem, Nc 27106	True	Give us safe voting options for November 2020 elections. Vote by mail, longer early voting & more early voting locations, vo
05/22/2020 07:14 PM	Mrs Jeanne Powell	10867 NC Highway 18 North , Ennice, NC 28623	True	This November, more than ever, NC residents need to be assured of fair elections. Otherwise, our elected political leaders will not be certain that they represent the majority of their constituents, nor will residents be certain that their

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05/22/2020 07:18 PM	Ms. Stephanie Rogers	1008 Starfield Circle, Hillsborough, NC 27278	True	<p>We need to take every possible action to protect the ability of every potential NC voter to register to vote and to cast their vote without risking their life, the lives of their families and co-workers, and the lives of poll workers. Voting is a right; and in this time of pandemic, we must guarantee that right while taking every safety precaution necessary.</p>
05/22/2020 07:19 PM	Mr Les Colleen	918 Englewood Ave, Durham, NC 27701	True	<p>Get off you ass and support this bill.</p>
05/22/2020 07:22 PM	Rev Portia Rochelle	2605 Adcox Place, Raleigh, NC 27610	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.</p> <p>In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to</p>

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05/22/2020 07:23 PM	Rev. John Richard Weston	250 Amber Wood Run, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	<p>We must protect our elections in North Carolina if we expect democracy to survive. John Richard Weston, Chatham Co. 250 Amber Wood Run Chapel Hill, NC 27516</p> <p>Uuwahle@gmail.com 919,3083589</p>
05/22/2020 07:24 PM	Rana Jackson	223 Governors View Rd, Asheville, NC 28805	True	<p>I am writing to strongly encourage you to expand HB 1169 and protect our democracy to:</p> <p>allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other</p>

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05/22/2020 07:28 PM	Ms Diana Gray	2310 Ardmore Terrace Apt A, Winston-Salem, NC 27103	True	Please act swiftly to ensure simplified, streamlined mail-in voting for all North Carolinians. It is the ONLY safe way to ensure we all can exercise our constitutional right to vote. Absentee voting as it is now is cumbersome to request a ballot, complete a ballot and return a ballot. Reduce these burdensome steps.
05/22/2020 07:42 PM	Ms. Mary Goodkind	23 Ridgefield Pl, Biltmore Forest, NC 28803	True	These reforms are over-due. Research shows that enhancing access to voting does not advantage one party over another, but increases the likelihood that citizens will engage in a civic responsibility, strengthening our democracy and making the results better represent the voters' choices. Research has also shown that claiming voter fraud is itself a form of fraud. Stop putting up barriers to voting!!
05/22/2020 07:44 PM	Mrs. Deborah Steiner	10102 Mountain Apple Drive, MINT HILL, NC 28227	True	<p>This Covid-19 crisis has upended our lives in many ways. We need to do all we can to make it easier for people to vote, not harder. Please listen to reason and extend registration times as well as encouraging early voting within times that are convenient to our voters.</p> <p>I personally think it would be a good idea to make Election</p>

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				Thank you for listening.
05/22/2020 07:46 PM	House Bill 1169 - Request Tammy Morrison	2824 Kilborne Dr 1, Charlotte , North Carolina 28205	True	Please consider and decide with good conscience for all NC voters regarding the requests that this House Bill 1169 lists. As a concerned registered voter and resident of Mecklenburg County I agree that every precaution be taken to keep safe everyone who is registered and desires to vote in the November 2020 election by providing the alternative of voting absentee while putting in place, reasonably, provisions that will permit every registered voter to cast their ballot without having to choose between protecting themselves or putting themselves at risk in order to do so. There should be very little to no questions or hindrances regarding individual voters safety while voting, especially, in this particular election due to our current circumstances which are completely out of NC voters' control.
05/22/2020 07:47 PM	Ms. Henrietta Jenrette	12117 Old Creedmoor Rd, Raleigh, North Carolina 27613	True	We need to make sure that all eligible Americans can vote safely. Some may choose to vote traditionally in person or by absentee ballots. Others may wish to avoid unnecessary contact with others and vote by mail. We cannot let this election be tainted by keeping people

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05/22/2020 07:48 PM	Mr Michael Eisenberg	5033 Bartons Enclave Ln, Raleigh, NC 27613	True	<p>It's in times of troubles leaders have to have the courage and foresight to see the risks are to great to take have people vote in person. It's time to make one time exceptions, have absentee ballots for all with only one witness. Send an addressed stamped return envelope with the ballot and keep the voters and poll workers safe.</p> <p>Thanks.</p>
05/22/2020 07:51 PM	Ms Julie Nye	407 River Trace Dr, Rougemont, NC 27572	True	<p>I am a 66 year old voter in Person County.</p> <p>HB 1169, the election relief bill, must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * relax poll worker recruitment requirements * reduce vote-by-mail witness requirements to one * extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration * more ID options for requesting mail-in voting * allow counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. <p>Let's not make North Carolina an election laughing-stock like</p>

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05/22/2020 07:56 PM	Ms Edie Killmer	2303 Hardwood Dr, Hillsborough, NC 27278-8767	True	North Carolina needs to correct an awful lot of previous in Injustice by making voting much easier.
05/22/2020 07:58 PM	Ms. Carolyn Guckert	2815 Mayview Road, Raleigh, NC 27607	True	Please make elections fair and safe for us to vote.
05/22/2020 07:59 PM	Mr Harrell Chotas	4003 Kismet Dr, Durham, NC 27705	True	House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:

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05/22/2020 08:09 PM	Rev Susan warren	656 Sand Hill Rd., Asheville, NC 28806	True	<p>It feels urgent, since no one has any idea how this pandemic will play out, that we take every precaution necessary and consider every plan on the table to make sure everyone who wishes to vote in NC can vote with ease and safely. The precautions and changes this bill outlines provide all the safeguards we need to make sure every vote is counted and everyone can vote with ease and safety .</p>
05/22/2020 08:14 PM	Ms. Stacye Leanza	165 Blue Heron Farm Rd., Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.</p> <p>In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to</p>

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05/22/2020 08:15 PM	Ms. Shel Anderson	1706 Rosetta Dr, Durham, NC 27701-2327	True	<p>I am happy that the committee is expanding the options for vote by mail. But I have some concerns. I am an elder voter, living alone. Getting a witness</p>

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05/22/2020 08:17 PM	Mrs. Cama Merritt	1244 Arbor Road , Winston-Salem, NC 27104	True	Please make it possible for us to vote easily and safely. Allow a longer period for early voting. Make absentee voting simpler and easier.
05/22/2020 08:40 PM	Mr. John Wiles	5205 Langford Ter, Durham, North Carolina 27713-6542	True	measures that: We should allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.
05/22/2020 08:41 PM	Mrs Keaton Hill	54 W Kensington Road, Asheville, NC 28804	True	House Elections and Ethics Committee Members: As a North Carolina resident, spouse and parent, I am deeply concerned about the future of our country, particularly about the state of our democracy. With so many

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05/22/2020 08:43 PM	Mrs Barbara coulson	1001 Reems Cove Rd., Marshall, NC 28753	True	<p>Many attempts to convince us that voter fraud is 'rampant' fall short of the facts. I would appreciate it if you would finally vote to support HB 1169 and stop the voter suppression that IS rampant.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
05/22/2020 08:46 PM	Ms. Lynne Kane	625 Cedar Club Circle, Chapel Hill, NC 2751	True	<p>I strongly support the recommendations of DemocracyNC. Vote by Mail must continue to be available with no excuse needed. Early voting with voter registration must be at least 15 days and include weekends. Besides Vote by Mail, we need a paper ballot for every vote. DemocracyNC studies and researches for effective proposals, and I recommend their proposals be accepted.</p>
05/22/2020 08:54 PM	Mrs. Diane Beck	61 Church St Apt 401, Asheville, NC 28801	True	<p>Voting is the MOST fundamental right and responsibility of every American citizen in this country. It is what MAKES us a DEMOCRACY. This right MUST be protected at all costs. It must be made available to every person.</p>

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				Pandemic, World War, Climate issue, floods, illness, whatever. It is our right to VOTE. Without this, we are no Democracy. We have no Constitution. We are a NOTHING county.
05/22/2020 08:55 PM	Rev. Melody Pajak	354 Feather Falls Trail, Black Mountain , North Carolina 28711	True	These voting provisions are necessary for these unusual times.
05/22/2020 08:56 PM	Mr Morris Letsinger	123 Virginia Ave, Asheville, NC 28806	True	Please make it safe for everybody to vote. Only when all citizens can vote will we have a fair electorate.
05/22/2020 08:59 PM	Anita Read	9212 Vendome Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817	False	PLEASE SUPPORT THE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO VOTE BY MAIL TO DO SO - IT IS OUR RIGHT AND THIS MUST BE UPHELD.
05/22/2020 09:21 PM	Ms. Jill Blumenthal	6840 Constitution Lane, Charlotte, NC 28210	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>I am a native North Carolinian who believes in the importance of voting to our democratic process. I want to make sure all North Carolinians are able to exercise their right to vote both in 2020 and beyond.</p> <p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.</p> <p>In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-</p>

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05/22/2020 09:37 PM	Ms Laurie Fox	1408 Alabama Ave, Durham, NC 27705	True	It's time to protect NC voters access to free and fair

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				<p>elections, especially during the COVID pandemic.</p> <p>I urge the NCGA to 1) extend the voter registration deadline for the General Election to the last Saturday of early voting at 5 p.m, and provide more online voter registration options, 2) provide mechanisms to remedy deficient absentee ballot requests and absentee ballots and allow requests by phone, e-mail, or online and accepting Federal write-in ballots, and 3) establish contactless drop boxes for absentee-by-mail ballots.</p> <p>The health and safety of North Carolinians is paramount - even during and election season. Protect the health of North Carolinians and our democracy by providing safe and free access to voting.</p>
05/22/2020 09:43 PM	Ms Jo Ann Amey	57 Grandwood Cir, Durham, NC 27712	True	<p>While proposed legislation would slightly improve the rules governing the November election, it does not go far enough. In addition, emergency legislation should: extend the deadline for voter registration for the General Election to the last Saturday of early voting and provide more online voter registration options; provide mechanisms to cure deficient absentee ballot requests and absentee ballots, by allowing requests by phone, email, or online; and ensuring that each county board of elections would have drop-boxes for absentee ballots. We cannot allow the pandemic and systemic voter</p>

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05/22/2020 10:00 PM	Patricia Rieser	1509 Blount St., Durham, NC 27707	True	<p>suppression to determine the outcome of the November election.</p> <p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>As a retired nurse practitioner and long-time voter, I am concerned about the health and safety of voters and poll workers during the November election. With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.</p> <p>In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:</p> <p>allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines</p>

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05/22/2020 10:00 PM	Ms Janis Ramquist	2209 Oxford Hills dr, Raleigh, NC 27608	True	<p>My cousin has voted by mail in OR for 2 decades without problem. Additionally since each registered voter get one ballot and no others are mailed., there is no fraud. No one collects ballots. There is No change to alter ballots. They go in the mail or ballot boxes. Couple that with ERIC voter roll security and management will produce the most secure voting system.</p>
05/22/2020 10:41 PM	Mrs Kris Garvin	2410 Sunnyfield Ct, Hillsborough, NC 27278	True	<p>Voting is always important. And this year the Pandemic brings challenges that we must overcome to allow citizens to safely exercise their right to vote. Every person needs to be protected and to protect others when they cast their vote. If this means voting by mail (which seems to follow the safest course for voters) then the systems that</p>

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05/22/2020 10:56 PM	Ms. Rebecca Massey	7 White Ave., Asheville, NC 28803	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>Relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.</p> <p>In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a</p>

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05/22/2020 10:59 PM	Ms. Marilyn West	1701 nc hwy 101, Havelock , Nc 28532	True	Please make it easier to vote because this pandemic is a threat to all especially the

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05/22/2020 10:59 PM	Ms. Marilyn West	1701 nc hwy 101, Havelock , Nc 28532	True	elderly, it doesn't discriminate. Please make it easier to vote because this pandemic is a threat to all especially the elderly, it doesn't discriminate.
05/22/2020 11:01 PM	Mr George Sawyer 3d	1301 Queens Rd Apt. 103, Charlotte, NC 28207	True	The right for a fair and just election should be a sacred one.
05/22/2020 11:18 PM	Ms. Alexandria Bireline	3208 Plantation Rd, Raleigh, NC 27609	True	We saw what happened in Wisconsin. People got sick. Protect our right to vote safely!
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05/22/2020 11:38 PM	Ms Anne Randall	2006 Perry Ave, Wilmington , NC 28403	True	We need to expand the voter registration period and early voting. Absentee ballots should not have a two witness or notary requirement. Poll workers should not have to be from their precinct. You just act now to ensure fair elections during the pandemic. Covid 19 will still be a threat in November.
05/22/2020 11:40 PM	Ms. Lynne Walter, MSW	3228 Glenridge Drive, Raleigh, NC 27604	True	Please keep North Carolina voters and poll workers safe and expand HB1169! HB1169 needs to be expanded with measures that: - allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, - broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and - expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving

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05/23/2020 12:00 AM	Dr Steve Bravy	639 Spindlewood, Pittsboro, NC 27312	True	<p>Since fraud is a very, very unlikely event, placing onerous preconditions on voting in the name of fraud suppression is a far more consequential fraud.</p>
05/23/2020 03:44 AM	Ms Jules James	806 Fanning Way, Durham, NC 27704	True	<p>COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections is unknown and yet certain so election relief bill House Bill 1169 must make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.</p> <p>Practical solutions like relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 also must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:</p> <p>1) extending mail-in and online voter deadlines, 2) allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots</p>

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				<p>(like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and</p> <p>3) giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.</p> <p>These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a better shot at avoiding unnecessarily exposing voters to the deadly coronavirus and keep even more of our state's voters safe. Please do not delay adding these elements to election support for the fast-approaching 2020 elections.</p>
05/23/2020 04:45 AM	Ms Karen Mallam	810 Buckner Springs Rd, Siler City, NC 27344	True	<p>Please expand HB 1169 with measures that: 1) allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in an online deadlines; 2) broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID); and 3) expand in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. Thank you.</p>
05/23/2020 05:56 AM	Ms. Susan Polizzotto	202 S. Stargazer Court , Hampstead , NC 28443	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>Given the risk that COVID-19 and related pandemic issues pose to our elections, I request that House Bill 1169 provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for</p>

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				Sincerely, Susan Polizzotto
05/23/2020 06:18 AM	Ms. Jacqueline Lawton	1118 Village Crossing Drive, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27517	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>I hope this finds you and your loved ones safe and well. Please know that these words are not merely platitudes. Unfortunately, I know too many people who have been tragically impacted by this virus.</p> <p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.</p> <p>In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, 2. Broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a

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05/23/2020 07:01 AM	Dr. Timothy Lindeman	715 Walker Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27403	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>Free and fair elections are the backbone of a democracy, and voters must feel safe to cast their ballots. Election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at</p>

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05/23/2020 07:14 AM	Ms. Martha Edwards	3651 Will Scarlet Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27104	True	<p>I am writing in regard to HB 1169 which includes some important protections during the time of COVID -19 pandemic to protect voters and poll workers. I thank you for this work and ask that you include additional provisions to allow more access to voter registration, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * extend mail-in and online deadlines, * broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and * expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. <p>No one knows what the future holds, but we should all agree: NC should not repeat the mistakes of states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus.</p>
05/23/2020 07:28 AM	Mrs Sylvie Delaunay	10 forest lake dr, Asheville, North Carolina 28803	True	<p>:</p> <p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the</p>

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05/23/2020 07:34 AM	Ms Sylvia Clapp-White	603 Cardella Dr, Greensboro , NC 27405	True	I support this bill! Everyone should be able to vote via mail without any justification.
05/23/2020 08:43 AM	Ms. Lynne Kohn	1520 Pinecrest Road, Durham, NC 27705	True	Committee members: I am writing to urge you to expand the provisions of HB 1169 regarding our election procedures in NC. The bill needs to be enlarged to cover the following areas: allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expand safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. Thank you for your wise consideration. Lynne Kohn, Durham
05/23/2020 08:45 AM	Mr. William Austin	130 Hunt St. Apt 407, Durham, NC 27701	True	House Elections and Ethics Committee Members: North Carolina is long past due to encourage and motivate all residents who are eligible to vote to actually vote. With so many unknowns

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05/23/2020 08:51 AM	Mr. Patrick Sweeney	8307 Chimneycap Dr., Raleigh, NC 27613	True	<p>EXPAND SAFE VOTING OPTIONS</p> <p>I am asking the House Elections and Ethics Committee to expand HB1169 with measures that:</p> <p>allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. No one knows what the future holds, but we should all agree: NC should not repeat the mistakes of states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus. Your actions now will encourage lawmakers to make important decisions sooner than later that make sure no voter – regardless of party – is left behind</p>

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05/23/2020 08:58 AM	Ms. Nancy Buckingham	126 Hickory Knoll Rd., Wilmington , NC 28409	True	<p>Please help make it easier for North Carolinians to vote. Every accommodation should be made to facilitate vote by mail. Thank you.</p>
05/23/2020 09:02 AM	Ms. Martha Shafer	6508 Horseman Trl., Summerfield, NC 27358	True	<p>Dear Election and Ethics Law Committee,</p> <p>It is critical to take steps to protect the 2020 election, and to keep voters safe while covid 19 is a concern. My family members and I care for my 95 year old mother who has a chronic lung condition, and we can't risk exposing her by picking up the virus ourselves. Voting needs to be as easy as possible to insure our right to</p>

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05/23/2020 09:22 AM	Ms. Patricia Watts	309 Baneberry Close, Pittsboro, NC 27312	True	<p>A good many years of my life have been spent trying to make voting accessible to all eligible Americans and helping people to register to vote. Over those years progress has been made and yet today with a global pandemic to deal with</p>

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05/23/2020 09:24 AM	Ms. Tina Howard	3225 ward road, raleigh, North Carolina 27604	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.</p> <p>In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:</p> <p>allowing more access to voter</p>

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05/23/2020 09:25 AM	Ms Joan Brannon	382 Dancy Lane, Vilas, NC 28692	True	<p>Our vote is the most precious of our rights. It is currently facing two threats: the pandemic, and the concerted efforts of the anti-democracy faction to disenfranchise voters and to make voting more difficult . I call on you to support open and fair elections and to counter the anti-democracy movement that wants to erect as many</p>

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05/23/2020 09:50 AM	Ms Rheba Heggs	2119 Collier Dr, Durham, NC 27707	True	The two witness rule for absentee voting clearly is a relic of the Jim Crow era of state-sponsored suppression of the Afro American vote. In these times of a public health crisis, this rule is absurd. Encourage absentee voting to protect voters, poll workers and county employees.
05/23/2020 09:50 AM	Spencer Andrews	310 S Chapman St, Greensboro , NC 27403	True	Any law that increases the likelihood or ease of a person voting (such as this one) should be strongly supported. I do so.
05/23/2020 09:58 AM	Mr. David DRapp	15 BARNES DR, Belmont, NC 28012	True	Pass this bill to enable as many NC residents to vote. Vote by mail would be the easiest and most cost effective way to conduct the election. The steps taken by the state in recent years have only limited access to voting. Vote by mail will be one small step towards empowering all NC residents.
05/23/2020 10:09 AM	Ms. Meta Patton	3031 Clyde Road, Boonville, NC 27011	True	I have COPD and on oxygen 27/7. My husband has serious heart problems. It makes no sense to force us to appear in a group and expose ourselves to this pandemic (which would be a death sentence for people like us), when voting by mail is successful in many states and negates the possibility of foreign manipulation as in 2016.
05/23/2020 10:14 AM	Mr. Donald Rumph	3238 Quail Pointe Dr., Greenville, NC, NC 27858	True	It is time for North Carolina to leave the burdensome 1700 hundreds and join the present era. The very limited ability to

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05/23/2020 10:16 AM	Mrs Donna Hamilton	913 idlewilde heath ct, winston salem, NC 27106	True	I cannot urge you strongly enough to take every measure to make it easier for North Carolina citizens to vote without having to expose themselves to possible infection, particularly our older citizens. Please fund and expand methods to register and vote by mail and allow local election boards to facilitate voter access and expand days and hours to vote
05/23/2020 10:25 AM	Dr. Lawrence Morse	224 Kensington Rd, Greensboro, NC 27403	True	Democracy hinges on the right to vote. The state needs to make access to voting as simple and straightforward as possible. We should have automatic registration when a citizen comes of age to vote. Persons who have been released from jail have paid their debts to society and should be allowed to vote. Districts need to be drawn in a nonpartisan way. Drawers of district line should know only the number of voters and not

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05/23/2020 10:49 AM	ms Darlyne Sahara	22 Lookout Drive, Asheville, North Carolina 28804	True	<p>There have been significant changes in all of our lives during the current pandemic. None of us knows what constraints there may be on our lives by the general election. As a 75 year old woman with a chronic heart condition, I'm acutely aware of my vulnerability. I strongly encourage you to support legislation that will make</p>

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05/23/2020 10:53 AM	Mrs Pamela Sender	8663 Hammocks Cove Trail, Leland, NC 28451	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.</p> <p>In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:</p> <p>allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting</p>

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05/23/2020 11:05 AM	Mr. Kenneth Sisk	4213 Trillium Lane Unit B, Greensboro, NC 27410	True	<p>Since the theory of wide-spread voter fraud has been disproven many times, we should now move robustly to make the voting process as simple as taking the census or paying taxes. The idea that we must continue to vote the same way we have for 200 years is not only ludicrous but anti-democratic.</p>
05/23/2020 11:47 AM	Ms. Randee Gordon	4812 Latimer Rd., Raleigh, NC 27609	True	<p>I am in high risk group for COVID 19 and need a way to safely vote by mail from home. I also don't have two other adults living in my house. I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill will make mail voting easier, safe and secure. In addition I suggest the following to make voting safe and easy for all citizens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make Early Voting more flexible and allowing counties to decide what they want to

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05/23/2020 12:02 PM	Ms Candice Davies	108 Steep Bank Drive, Cary, North Carolina 27518	True	<p>Heya</p> <p>And hope this finds you healthy and weathering the crisis with increasing ease.</p> <p>I'm a registered voter (NC, Wake County), a retired educator, small business owner and concerned citizen. As a woman of 64 years, and with both a sister and mother significantly medically</p>

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05/23/2020 12:35 PM	Jessica Turner	10810 Heather Meadow Ln, Raleigh, NC 27614	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for</p>

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05/23/2020 01:39 PM	Ms Mary Farmer	300 district Dr 124, Asheville , NC 28803	True	Please, Reduce the absentee ballot witness requirement from two to one Allow voters to submit an absentee ballot request form via email, online portal, fax, mail or in person (currently, NC voters can submit an absentee ballot request form only by mail or in person) Gives counties greater flexibility in where they assign poll workers, better allowing them to address possible poll worker shortages at precincts Allocate state matching funds to take advantage of federal CARES Act and HAVA money Allocates funds to counties to prepare for elections amid COVID-19, including the purchasing of personal protective equipment for use at polling places and increasing recruitment and compensation of poll workers Allocates funds for election security and continuity of operations in case of disaster
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05/23/2020 02:25 PM	Lieutenant (Ret.) Alfred Anderson	703 Hamlet Ave , Carolina Beach , NC 28428	True	<p>After spending forty years of service in law enforcement, do you not think I have taken enough risks? This ill conceived bill is nothing more than an attempt at voter suppression. One does not have to be a police officer to detect that. Respectfully, reconsider, rethink and rewrite.</p>
05/23/2020 02:33 PM	Ann Richardson	1005 Fearrington Post, Pittsboro, NC 27312	True	<p>I believe it is critical that you expand HB 1169 to include the following: allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck), and expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.</p>
05/23/2020 02:56 PM	Mr. Bruce Halpern	201 Russell Dr, Wendell, NC 27591	True	<p>Allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines,</p> <p>Broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck).</p> <p>Expand safe in-person voting</p>

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05/23/2020 03:02 PM	Jessica Bell	Belmont, North Carolina 28013	True	Protecting the safety of the community while also protecting their right to vote is not a matter of discussion! This is imperative and EVERY person deserves the right to vote safely. Our community members who are high risk deserve the option to vote in an environment that does not put them in danger.
05/23/2020 03:03 PM	Jennifer Rudolph	7216 Donneeford Rd, Wake Forest, NC 27587-8026	True	<p>I support the efforts made in the bill to expand voting access in response to COVID19, however there are three additional areas I think are important to consider in the final version. They are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extend the voter registration deadline to go through the end of the Early Voting period, instead of the current cut-off which is 25 days before an election. While same day registration during early voting is available for in person voting, this needs to be extended for mail in voting options. Now that the NCSBE has offered online voter registration, there is no need for an earlier cut-off. 2. Allow counties the flexibility to set Early Voting hours and locations to reflect their unique needs, instead of the current statewide mandated rules. 3. Provide postage paid return envelopes for mail in ballots, and/or secure drop boxes to avoid the need for obtaining

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05/23/2020 03:15 PM	Mr. Harley Putnam	3507 Edgewood Dr, Greensboro, NC 27406	True	We must do everything possible to increase folks access to voting. Expand early voting, make absentee voting easier, and approve mail-in voting for situations like we have now where COVID-19 is a concern. More access is ALWAYS better.
05/23/2020 03:22 PM	mr george garcia	524 averette rd, rolesville, nc 27571	True	Time to make voting more user friendly and available. The voting process should reopened for a longer period before the election date, say three to four weeks prior to Nov 3. Also the way to vote should be by mail, secured computer system or early voting in person depending on weather and epidemic conditions. If we can bank and manage our stock accounts on line , the technology is there to secure the voting decisions of our citizens. Other nations are already using these methods to facilitate voting for their citizens.
05/23/2020 03:34 PM	Mr Jonathan Markle	5914 Melbourne Rd, Raleigh, NC 27603-4420	True	We are two elderly, immunosuppressed, (one of whom is a diabetic), people who want to have our rights protected to be able to vote remotely or with mail-in ballots Especially give the adverse political climate in this Country, it is essential that we do this quickly and without hesitation. In the last 3 years we have watched while many sound protections have been reversed and other negative and unhealthy measures

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				imposed by a President who only has his own personal interest at heart. We want our voting rights protected from any possibility of his interference.
05/23/2020 03:47 PM	B. Roxanne Taylor	209 Timberlane Drive, Rocky Munt, NC 27804	True	<p>Recommendations to NC Board of Elections During COVID-19 Crisis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Expand Voter Registration with online, mail-in & drop off registrations with range of acceptable proofs of identity as other organizations utilize (driver license, government ID, student ID, military ID or bank/ mortgage/ utility/ employment document (statements, bills, paychecks) -Expand access to requests for mail-in voting with requests by phone, email, website & mail-in letters/ forms. -Expand access to submitting mail-in ballots with touchless drop boxes at polling sites. -Expand pool of poll workers with students 18 and older and unemployed or displaced workers from any precinct. -Expand access to curbside voting with more curbside workers, washable clipboards or disposable cardboard, washable/wipeable pens + masks & hand sanitizer for workers. (Note 3% peroxide & 70% isopropyl alcohol are acceptable cleaning agents & can be used in sprays & wipes.) <p>There are enough public health guidelines to protect voters & workers during the</p>

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				<p>election cycle. The above recommendations are added measures to preserve the basic right to vote for all US citizens. There is no reason why someone cannot have a legitimate vote counted for the upcoming election. Mail-in voter fraud & voter ID fraud has not been an issue according to the evidence. Any information or guidance making people think we cannot vote properly under public health precautions is a FEAR tactic. These tactics should not be tolerated. Any measure to block a US citizen's vote should be fully punishable by law.</p> <p>B. Roxanne Taylor, Nash County Resident</p>
05/23/2020 03:51 PM	Ms. Patricia Long	1101 Esher Ct, Raleigh, NC 27609	True	<p>I am 69 years old and live alone. I am also a registered voter who never misses an election. But given the expected resurgence of the coronavirus in the fall, I'm afraid that voting in person in November may be hazardous to my health and to the health of poll workers. The president's claims that voting by mail allows fraud are baseless and false. What he is trying to do is suppress votes. He himself votes by mail, so why can't the rest of us? I am writing in support of House Bill DRH20008-BKa-24A. Please make it possible for everyone to vote by mail, and allow a single witness to the voter's signature. Providing return postage would be of</p>

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				great benefit to the poor, whose votes also deserve to be counted. Thank you for your kind consideration of my opinions.
05/23/2020 04:01 PM	Ms. Jeannette Cabanis-Brewin	1267 Moody Bridge Rd, Cullowhee, NC 28723-8037	True	Voting is a right, not a privilege. We need to make it possible for workers, first responders, teachers, vulnerable populations (which my husband and I are part of) to have every opportunity to vote. My father already risked his life on the beach at Normandy to secure out right to vote. I should not have to risk mine to stand in line. Do the right thing.
05/23/2020 04:10 PM	Dr. Jonathan Kotch	2 Carolina Meadows apt 210, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	I am 72 years old and my wife is 71. We need a way to safely vote by mail from home. We also don't have two other adults living in my house. I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill will make mail voting easier, safe and secure. Anything you can do to make the application, instructions and the ballot itself easier to read would help older folks like us, too. It would help a lot were NCGA to add postage-paid envelopes to the absentee ballot to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE. In the event that the mail systems are overwhelmed or not able to deliver ballots to BOE by election day, I suggest that NCGA allow county BOEs to set up dropbox sites so voters can securely drop off a completed ballot. Dropbox sites have worked well in other states. Furthermore, given that timing

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				<p>and convenience is an issue, I would like to be able to use an online portal to request an absentee ballot. I also would like a mechanism similar to tracking an online purchase to check that my county BOE has received my request. SBOE and DHHS have until August 1 to submit a report to the legislature and the governor about how MAT teams can safely access a health facility, nursing home or rest home to help voters request and return an absentee ballot. I live in a CCRC with both assisted living and skilled nursing facilities on-site. I would be happy to participate in MAT for my CCRC as well as for my county and the surrounding counties. Could you allow registered voters to get training and do this work across county lines? Finally, it would make a lot of sense were Early Voting more flexible. Counties should be able to decide what they want to offer. In order to be socially distant and convenient to more voters in my county, I would like to see more sites open for the highest use hours. I know my county is under budget constraints, so making sure that my county BOE has flexibility to make a schedule that works for more voters means not having to stand in long lines and getting more voters use EV.</p>
05/23/2020 04:12 PM	Ms Linda Rudick	1008 park rd sw, Sunset Beach, NC 28468	True	I am a Brunswick County registered voter who spent a week in the Novant hospital 1

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				<p>year ago and have COPD. Since the COVID-19 outbreak, I have ventured out rarely and always with mask, gloves, sanitation available. I live alone and have to relatives here. Brunswick county is populated with many seniors whose stories are like mine. I have a record of 100% voting. I request that you relax the stringent rules on ABSENTEE ballot voting so I may continue to cast my votes going forward. I am aware that I sign my ballot verifying that I am voting legally and would be committing a crime to vote falsely. That should be sufficient to trust my ballot. Thank you for passing HB1169 for all of us who need these changes.</p>
05/23/2020 04:41 PM	Jake Gellar-Goad	610 Ransom Rd, Winston-Salem, NC 27106	True	<p>I'm writing to share my support for making changes to make the election more accessible and convenient during the special circumstances we're under this year. In particular, I used to work as a student support staff person at a university, and I think it would be great to pursue measures that could introduce more students to poll working.</p>
05/23/2020 04:57 PM	Janice Siebert	5005 Bass Chapel Rd Apt 2A, Greensboro , NC 27455	True	<p>I ask that you expand HB1169 with measures that:</p> <p>allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a</p>

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05/23/2020 05:05 PM	Ms. Ronetta Todd	2109 OAKCREST CT, Raleigh, NC 27612	True	Due the potential spread of COVID-19, we need a way to safely vote by mail from home. I also want an online mechanism to check that my county BOE received my request.
05/23/2020 05:11 PM	Ms Judith Page	4309 Old Colony Rd., Raleigh, North Carolina 27613	True	PLEASE Support this bill. Voting by mail is important at any time but especially during this time with the virus. My son and daughter in law live in Colorado and ballots are mailed to them prestamped. They can put them in the mail, in special boxes around town or go to a polling place. It is safe and sensible and very democratic.
05/23/2020 05:18 PM	Mr Richard Pigossi	14 Cedarcliff Road, Asheville, NC 28803-2906	True	Our legislators need to realize that voting restrictions and impediments amidst this apolitical pandemic will impact both rural and urban voters alike, Republicans as well as Democrats, hence helping all voters vote freely and as easily as possible is a shared, not partisan objective. Let personalities and issues govern this election.
05/23/2020 05:24 PM	Mrs Amee Stewart	514 Jay Shambley Rd, Pittsboro, NC 27312	True	There is going to be a record amount of turnout for the election in Nov. Why in Gods name would expose massive amounts of citizens to Covid-19. Here's the problem. There is a segment of society

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05/23/2020 06:12 PM	Johanna Jones	7816 Haymarket Lane, Raleigh, NC 27615-5441	True	Mail in ballots, or secure electronic ballots, will support democracy in the US and N.C. I have underlying conditions and am very concerned about a COVID resurgence in the fall. I do not have 2 other adults in my household. It is just me and my elderly Mother.
05/23/2020 06:18 PM	I house bill 1169 2020 Beatrice Willis	1205 Pulitzer L N, Durham , NC 27703	True	I'm 82 years old and it good to know that i can vote at home
05/23/2020 06:30 PM	Mr. Gary Boos	35 Consella Way, Franklinton, North Carolina 27525	True	In the last Primary I was a pole watcher. As directed, I mostly stayed out of the way. However, since there was little activity and it was raining I looked to see if anyone might need help on a slippery slope at the entrance. Then an elderly couple slowly walked up. I am 75 and they were older and frail -frail. They were hanging onto each other and asked if I could assist and the lady said yes giving me a weak (and concerned) smile. I walked them over the the sign in table and there was only one person in front of them. It was a man and his right leg below the knee was metal. I thought, these people had these handicaps and they made in to vote in the Primary, the rest of us a wimps. I went back to my seat, and a

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				<p>few minutes later noticed the man with the metal lower leg had raised the ballot up to the light. His left eye had something black over it so he couldn't see out of that eye. The remaining eye didn't seem to work well either because he had to hold the ballot up to the light just so. --- Now for H Bill 1169 p.2, Section 3.a (b) item 3</p> <p>"A space for the identification of the two persons witnessing the casting of the absentee ballot in accordance with G.S. 163-231, those persons' signatures, and those persons' addresses."</p> <p>"...two persons witnessing..."</p> <p>So, the man with the metal leg, blind in his left eye and the couple who takes a risk of falling if they walk 50 yards, have to find not one but two persons to be witnesses. The person showing up in person doesn't have to have a witness, (to confirm who he/she is) so there is no justification for a witness, let alone two witnesses for absentee ballots. Further in Section 2. b "...to access a hospital, clinic, nursing home, or rest home in this State that is under quarantine in order to assist voters...", excuse me, are you advising NC staff to go into facilities that are already designated as such a high risk of infection that they are quarantined ...wait, wait, I'll stop myself. They are quarantined, stupid. They are quarantined, so movement in</p>

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				<p>or out is restricted. So is the NC legislature stating that the NC staff must risk infection and death to enforce the two witnesses criteria? Families must not come in but NC staff are advised to help. Your Bill allows (go right ahead fellows we legislators will allow YOU go go into the Valley Of Death, we'll stay in the LOB are read reports about what happens to you).</p> <p>Are you brain dead or do you have a stone where your heart is supposed to be? Remove the two witness criteria. If it stays think of the old couple and the man with the metal leg walking around knocking on doors asking their neighbors "Can you take this (possibly contaminated Ballot form) review it, and sign it? I guess I'll have to come back in a day or two to pick it up. "Can you do that?" The response might be "Lay the form down there and after one day any virus will probably be dead and then I'll review it - I'll call you." This is dastardly method of voter suppression - under the veil of the law. Even worse. Remove the two witness requirement.</p>
05/23/2020 06:49 PM	Ms Linda Gallo	8804 Maple Ash Trail NE, Leland, NC 28451	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense</p>

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05/23/2020 07:03 PM	Dr. Heather Stevens	256 S. Running Creek Cove, Whittier, NC 28789	True	To avoid causing people to die unnecessarily because they are good citizens and want to vote, everyone needs to be able to vote by mail. There should also be no touch drop boxes for citizens to return their ballots from the safety of their cars. Early voting and registration periods should be extended.
05/23/2020 07:06 PM	Ms Beth Barnwell	8601 Carriage Tour Lane, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	Nothing is more important in our country than ensuring that every eligible voter has an opportunity to vote safely and conveniently. Exercising this precious right should never be a hardship or dangerous.
05/23/2020 07:36 PM	Mr Charles Brittain	1013 Blue Wren Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28312	True	Allow folks the choice to vote by mail. Also allow more early voting and open more places to vote early as well as more poll sites on Election Day. All will be necessary to ensure social distancing and to give everyone a chance to vote.

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05/23/2020 07:37 PM	Shannon Bradley	11120 Atrium Way, Matthews, North Carolina 28105	True	I am 58 years old and live alone. I cannot afford to get sick, and that is why voting by mail is so important to me. It would be really helpful if voting could be done with easy instructions by mail and/or dropbox. That would also enable people to vote who have trouble getting to the polls for various other reasons.
05/23/2020 08:18 PM	Ms K Conway	3052 Annsdale Dr, S, Leland, NC 28451	True	UNCONSCIONABLE not to do absolutely everything that can possibly be done to insure every single eligible voter in this state/country is guaranteed the most sacred right upon which our democratic republic was founded and countless souls have fought and died for ever since — WE, the people, are entitled to have our say about those who would govern — which requires you, whose job it is to oversee/provide for elections, as well as you whose job it is to oversee/provide justice for the people, to do your jobs, to make whatever adjustments may be necessary to insure that whatever circumstances may exist which might infringe upon our right to participate in a free and fair election are neutralized, mitigated and vitiated by any possible plausible means available... to wit, YOU MUST do/allow everything conceivable within your power to prevent us from having to deal with the very realistic potential for severe illness and even death (in my

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				case and many thousands more), to protect us as well as our rights at this unprecedented time — this is a deadly pandemic, but not a war, and we can not be required to literally have to risk our lives to vote (or be subject to difficult/convoluted rules to do so; i can't get witnesses without risk, eg)!! THERE ARE SOLUTIONS... DO YOUR JOBS... MAKE IT RIGHT!!!
05/23/2020 08:32 PM	Mr Enno Camenzind	7004 Rainwater Rd, Raleigh, North Carolina 27615	True	Voting is a right granted in our constitution. It is something that all people of age should take serious and make it a point to vote. Depending on an individuals circumstances, in person may not be reasonable or achievable, therefore NC should make voting as easy as possible ie vote by mail with no excuses needed. I was in the service and voted by mail many times while on deployment, it was called an absentee ballot and it worked. Mail in ballots could be barcoded to an individual name so tracking can be accomplished easily and maybe even have a way of allowing an individual to confirm their vote was counted and counted correctly.
05/23/2020 08:33 PM	Ms Laurie Lindsay	5104 Creswell Dr, Leland, NC 28451	True	House Elections and Ethics Committee Members: With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense

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				Thank you. Laurie Lindsay
05/23/2020 08:44 PM	Doctor James Walsh	1070 BELVIDERE LANE, Morganton, NC 28655-8047	True	This is a good piece of legislation which would enable voters in North Carolina to register for absentee voting in a much more flexible fashion. This increases the level of safety of all North Carolinians in this time of Pandemic, and it enables full participation in our elections by all registered NC voters.
05/23/2020 09:04 PM	Ms Bernadette Chasteen	1707 Ward St, Durham, NC 27707	True	I am an at-risk person who has been fortunate enough to work from home and continue to provide for my two children. If my employer can make accommodations for me to work, I feel the NC legislature can surely provide me with a way to vote without risking my very life.
05/23/2020 09:08 PM	Mr. Michael Pelz-Sherman	3505 Swift Dr, Raleigh, NC 27606	True	Please enact these measures to keep North Carolina voters safe!
05/23/2020 09:10 PM	Ms Wendy Osserman	P.O. Box 447, Oriental, NC 28571	True	In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like: allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broadening access points for

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05/23/2020 09:18 PM	Debbie Ely	6524 Mal Weathers Road, Raleigh, NC 27603	True	<p>I ask for your full support for voter identification to be mandatory in our state. There is no greater threat to our country than election fraud. We must have complete trust in the integrity of our elections. Identification is currently required for many activities and no one contests the need for identification in those instances. Why would requiring identification to vote be an infringement of anyone's rights, when identification is</p>

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05/23/2020 09:29 PM	Ms Emily Keel	POB 155, Robersonville, NC 27871	True	I live in a rural Martin Co town with 2 precincts and we have trouble in the best of times getting poll workers. Flexibility in selecting them would be helpful, as being from outside the precinct they are working in. We need voting to be made safe but easier. Our county needs to be able to make our own early voting plans. We need to have money to enhance the safety of polling sites and to help deal with additional mail in ballots.
05/23/2020 09:56 PM	Mr Mitchell Pronschinske	205 Berlin Way, Morrisville, NC 27560	True	I am asking the legislature to expand HB1169 with measures that: Allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck), and expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.
05/23/2020 10:00 PM	jerry Rivas	364 twin ponds rd., Sanford, NC 27332	True	VOTER ID NOW !!! No mail in ballots. If we can stand in line at wal mart, we can stand in line to vote. And PISS on Roy Cooper
05/23/2020 10:18 PM	Mr Greg Lindsay	5104 Creswell Dr, Leland , NC 28451	True	House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:

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				Greg Lindsay
05/23/2020 11:01 PM	Mr. Dan Faris	6000 Rose Valley Dr, Charlotte, NC 28210	True	In these difficult coronavirus times it is vital that the Legislature do everything it can to make sure that all NC voters CAN vote and they are sure that their vote WILL be counted.
05/24/2020 02:24 AM	Ms Barbara Conrad	2167 Norton rd, Charlotte, NC 28207	True	Please make NC proud by making it easy and safe for every citizen to vote!!!please no party shenanigans! I am 72, lifetime North Carolinian, practicing safe distancing for Covid-19, may need to vote absentee, ... I think of those with less privilege...poor, health issues, no transportation... their only "privilege", their right to vote. Make it easy and safe for them!!!
05/24/2020 02:33 AM	Ms Evelyn Hamilton	108 Emerald Circle , Durham , NC 27713	True	HB1169 needs to be expanded to ensure our voting rights in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. It should extend mail-in and online deadlines, allow voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving

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				flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. Now is the time to act in order for plans to be in place come November.
05/24/2020 06:50 AM	Robert Newton	117 carver lane, Forest City, NC 28043	True	Please No mail in voting, uphold our confidence in election and integrity in our electoral process. Thanks
05/24/2020 07:10 AM	Melissa Young	1263 Boswell Ct., Concord, NC 28027	True	Do the right thing and make voting this fall easier for all, regardless of party affiliation. You know in your heart that it is the fair and just thing to do.
05/24/2020 08:09 AM	MR Kenneth Dalsheimer	1607 Hermitage Ct, Durham, NC 27707	True	<p>Dear Committee Members, I write as an American and North Carolinian who has voted every one of my years of eligibility and who cherishes our right to vote. I also write at time like no other for me and my family and country when the simple act of voting in person can endanger me and everyone I might come in contact with on my trip to the polls. I hope you understand my concern and will make changes HB1169 to expand voter protections, and ensure North Carolinians can vote safely in our 2020 elections.</p> <p>I specifically want the following included as Amendments to the current bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines - broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA

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				<p>IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck), and;</p> <p>- expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.</p> <p>This is a non-partisan issue. This is the only right thing to do in our state. This legislation can make our state a model for other states looking to protect our democracy and right to vote.</p> <p>Thanks for your consideration. Sincerely, Kenneth Dalsheimer Durham,NC</p>
05/24/2020 09:08 AM	Jackie Kylander	5415 Bobcat Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	Vote NO to increased mail in voting. Far too easy to falsify and if people can stand in line to get into the grocery store or a big box store, the can stand in line to vote.
05/24/2020 09:14 AM	Mrs Kathleen Henig	1514 Trap Ct , Wake Forest, NC 27587	True	I am over 70 with underlying health conditions.. in light of the lethality of the coronavirus I feel voting by mail should be made available for all registered voters in North Carolina..
05/24/2020 09:27 AM	Ms. Barbara Brown	C1 101Seahorse Lane C1, Carolina Beach, NC 28428	True	We need to make sure that all of our citizens can vote without risking their health.This IS the responsibility of those representing us.
05/24/2020 10:00 AM	Ms Mary McInerney	3118 Log Cabin Cove, High Point, NC 27265	True	Thank you for coming together to protect and help voters in North Carolina. Access to the vote needs to be both safe and non-partisan.

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05/24/2020 10:01 AM	Mr Stephen Roberts	202 S 3rd St Apt 10, Wilmington, NC 28401	True	Please allow for the coronavirus and facilitate more amenable access to voting.
05/24/2020 10:12 AM	Kathy Wheeler	7920 Windspray Dr., Summerfield, NC 27358	True	please pass HB 1169 - There is nothing more important right now that safe elections where we do EVERYTHING we can to help people vote, and vote safely. Voting is democracy in action, and if you can't pass a bill to ensure this, then step down. PLEASE PASS THIS BILL 1169.
05/24/2020 10:26 AM	Chris Herndon	101 Chaps Court, Cary, NC 27513	True	Thank you for advancing this bill! I think it's an important next step toward continuing to ensure safe, secure and accessible elections - the backbone of a true democracy.
05/24/2020 11:17 AM	Mr Michael Kiernan	12504 Fieldland ct, Raleigh, Nc 27614	True	Please make it easy and safe for the electorate to vote this Nov. don't wait to go to court to do the right thing- people of all political sides will remember.
05/24/2020 11:17 AM	Terry Landers	10002 Fountain, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	All NC voters need to be able to vote safely regardless of the status of the virus this fall. Election relief House Bill 1169 contains some much needed actions, such as relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties. It ALSO needs additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020

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				<p>elections. Please work to expand House Bill 1169: to (1) allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, (2) broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and (3) expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.</p>
05/24/2020 12:21 PM	Beth Kissling	32 Lookout dr, asheville, nc 28804	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.</p> <p>In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:</p> <p>allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-</p>

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				<p>in and online deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.</p> <p>These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a better shot at avoiding the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus and keep even more of our state's voters safe during the fast-approaching</p>
05/24/2020 12:44 PM	Mr Ali Nouimehidi	711 E 9th street, Charlotte, NC 28202	True	This is a no brainer . Given the choice between dying and voting , I choose living .
05/24/2020 12:56 PM	Ms. Jade Dell	927 W Morgan St 159, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603	True	<p>I would like to have the option to vote by mail in the November election. I am a senior with underlying health conditions and if COVID 19 is still spreading, I will stay in my apartment as I have done since mid-March. The studies that have been done on mail in voting have not turned up widespread voting fraud, nothing like the fraud committed by states that delete people from the rolls or the people who hide absentee ballots or the Governor of Florida who demands that former felons cannot vote if they owe any money to the state.</p>

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05/24/2020 02:00 PM	Ms. Miriam Angress	2608 University Drive, Durham, NC 27707	True	<p>Thank you for your attention. Because of COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, I urge you to ensure that election relief bill House Bill 1169 makes it easier for voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.</p> <p>In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:</p> <p>allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.</p> <p>These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a better shot at avoiding the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus and keep even more of our state's voters safe</p>

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				<p>during the fast-approaching 2020 elections.</p> <p>As a North Carolina voter, I ask you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month.</p> <p>Thank you again.</p>
05/24/2020 02:06 PM	Carol Weaver	28 Gray Wolf Lane, Hendersonville, NC 28792	True	<p>Overall this bill would improve the safety of voting in the 2020 general election. The photo ID requirement, however, is circumventing the court stay of requiring a photo iD. The photo ID requirement should be dropped from this bill while we await the decision of the court.</p>
05/24/2020 02:10 PM	Dr. Janis Hammett	218 W. Avondale Drive, Greensboro, NC 27403	True	<p>Democracy is best supported when government supports citizens' right to vote. Any law that makes voting more difficult is a thinly veiled attempt at voter suppression. The nominal risk of voter fraud is far outweighed by the benefits of free and fair elections. If legislators feel threatened by an informed electorate who has easy access to voting, they need to examine their motive for being in government. Stand up for democracy and let go your attempts at voter suppression.</p>
05/24/2020 02:14 PM	Ms. Paula Stober	3607 Timberoak Dr, Greensboro, NC 27410	True	<p>Let's get ride of photo ID for the upcoming and future elections. We did so well without it for years, so please cancel the need for ID to be presented.</p> <p>Also, going back to the previous period for registering</p>

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				and voting is essential to let all persons participate in their right to vote.
				Thank you.
05/24/2020 02:40 PM	Mrs Rebecca Burmester	2121 North Hills Dr I, Raleigh, NC 27612	True	<p>I am an active voter and the following items concern me:</p> <p>Speak out against photo ID in 2020.</p> <p>Advocate for more voter registration opportunities through extending the 25-day limit and allowing online voter registration for other agency clients.</p> <p>Give flexibility back to the counties to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation.</p> <p>HAVA IDs should be acceptable for use in the absentee ballot request application.</p> <p>Require the one-witness requirement be clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope.</p> <p>Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.</p>
05/24/2020 02:53 PM	Mr Edward Bassett	10002 Fountain, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-6383	True	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please no photo ID required to vote. 2. Require only 1 witness on absentee ballot Container envelopes. 3. Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.
05/24/2020 02:59 PM	Joanne Levitan	2106 Talmage Drive, Leland, NC 28451	True	I support many provisions in this bill but I urge you to remove the voter ID requirements. Voter identification laws are a part of an ongoing strategy to roll

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				<p>back decades of progress on voting rights. Thirty-four states have identification requirements at the polls. Seven states have strict photo ID laws, under which voters must present one of a limited set of forms of government-issued photo ID in order to cast a regular ballot – no exceptions.</p> <p>Voter ID laws deprive many voters of their right to vote, reduce participation, and stand in direct opposition to our country's trend of including more Americans in the democratic process. Many Americans do not have one of the forms of identification states acceptable for voting. These voters are disproportionately low-income, racial and ethnic minorities, the elderly, and people with disabilities. Such voters more frequently have difficulty obtaining ID, because they cannot afford or cannot obtain the underlying documents that are a prerequisite to obtaining government-issued photo ID card.</p>
05/24/2020 03:00 PM	mrs. CARMEN WHITE	819 SUMMERWINDS DRIVE, CARY, NC 27518	True	<p>A thriving democracy depends upon our ability to register and vote safely and efficiently. The more access to online forms, absentee ballots, contactless ballot drops, and state-wide early voting periods will allow our citizenry to exercise their right. This is particularly sensitive during a time of pandemic. Please be</p>

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				open to as many and varied ways as possible for us to register and cast our votes. Thank you. Carmen White
05/24/2020 03:04 PM	Ms Donna Kaye	202 Alumni Ave, Durham, NC 27713-6023	True	I DO NOT want the Voter ID requirement included as written, but instead would be in favor of a HAVA ID. I want counties to have the flexibility to create early voting schedules to best meet their local needs; I want a contactless drop box and lastly, I want paid postage for mail-in ballots
05/24/2020 03:07 PM	Aylett Colston	2113 Ridge Rd, Raleigh, NC 27607	True	<p>Dear Elections and Ethics Law Committee Members,</p> <p>I have family members with autoimmune disease, and I also have an older family member in a care facility. Some of the people in my family are registered Democrats, other members of my family are registered Republicans. I care about the health and well-being of all of them.</p> <p>We need to be sure that all options for voting this fall are as safe as possible for North Carolinians. Even those of us who are not elderly or do not have underlying illnesses may have loved-ones we help care for who are more venerable.</p> <p>We don't know for sure what the coronavirus infection rates will be in November, but we have reason to believe that it is likely there will still be risks.</p>

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				<p>We need to be sure that all options for voting this fall are safe for all eligible North Carolinians, especially the elderly.</p> <p>We need to make it easier to vote absentee-by-mail, and ensure that there are precautions and procedures in place for voting safely in-person. We also need to make sure that people who are eligible to vote can easily and safely register to vote.</p> <p>Additionally, politicians should NOT use the COVID19 pandemic as an excuse to try to sneak vote-restricting provisions into bills. Our forefathers have all fought and sometimes died for the right to vote. Every eligible American should have the opportunity to vote safely.</p> <p>Thank you for your service on this committee.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Aylett Colston Raleigh, NC</p>
05/24/2020 03:09 PM	Elizabeth Leonard	33 E Owl Creek Ln, Fairview, NC 28730	True	<p>Voting is one of our most important privileges in a free, democratic society. In this unprecedented time of uncertainty for health, safety, income, and movement due to COVID-19, I implore our legislators to take necessary action to encourage, protect, and optimize every citizen's ability to cast their ballot. Expanding opportunities and</p>

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				<p>minimizing roadblocks to the voting process is important to all of us, and especially to the elderly, those who have lost jobs and healthcare, young people exercising their voting rights for the first time, people with limited resources and transportation means -- ALL of us. Please support legislation that ensures the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increases voter registration opportunities by extending the 25-day registration limit. - Allows online voter registration. - Gives flexibility to the counties to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation. - Clearly states the one-witness requirement on the Absentee Ballot container envelope. - Provides contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballots. - Builds "tamper-proof", "hack-proof" capabilities into the voting system, including paper ballot back-up.
05/24/2020 03:25 PM	9803550054 Delores Hurt	Charlotte , NC 28227	True	<p>I support all efforts of the League to keep us safe and vote without impediment in the November 3rd elections. I am particularly concerned that the imposition of a voter ID will stifle the ability of many citizens to vote.</p>
05/24/2020 03:35 PM	Mrs Carol Falender	11 Wakefield Dr 2110, Asheville, NC 28803	True	<p>As a member of the North Carolina League of Women Voters, I have serious concerns about HB 1169. I feel it is of the utmost concern that all citizens of the US of legal voting age have the</p>

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				<p>opportunity to express their opinions at the ballot box. In this age of pandemic, I expect that our legislators will find new ways to insure that right in a safe way.</p> <p>I am opposed to the photo ID in 2020.</p> <p>There must be more voter registration opportunities through extending the 25-day limit and allowing online voter registration for other agency clients.</p> <p>We need to give flexibility back to the counties to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation.</p> <p>The HAVA IDs should be acceptable for use in the absentee ballot request application.</p> <p>The one-witness requirement be clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope.</p> <p>We must allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.</p>
05/24/2020 03:39 PM	Pat Ross	4620 Bunnlevel-Erwin Rd., Erwin, NC 28339	True	<p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections..</p> <p>NC quickly enacted legislation to address a number of issues surrounding this pandemic in order to open the economy and protect citizens. The same level of urgency should</p>

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				<p>amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month?</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
05/24/2020 03:47 PM	Ms. Joy Haldeman-Englert	259 Flat Creek Road, Black Mountain, NC 28711	True	<p>I am a constituent living in Black Mountain. I believe that the right to vote is one of the most important rights of American citizens, and that it is therefore every citizen's duty to support making voting as efficient, safe, and accessible as possible.</p> <p>I am writing at this time to urge the House Elections Committee to expand HB169 with measures that will allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines; broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck); and expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
05/24/2020 03:50 PM	Mrs. Julia Wharton	497 Kimberly Avenue, Asheville, NC 28804	True	<p>The US Constitution guarantees every US citizen 18 years and older the right to vote. Rather than spend time and money paring that right away with unnecessary restrictions, I believe we should be legislating in order to facilitate voting. Anything else looks like voter</p>

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				<p>suppression and vote manipulation.</p> <p>I am against requiring a photo ID in 2020.</p> <p>I advocate for more voter registration opportunities through extending the 25-day limit and allowing online voter registration for other agency clients.</p> <p>I believe we should give flexibility back to the counties to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation.</p> <p>I think HAVA IDs should be acceptable for use in the absentee ballot request application.</p> <p>The one-witness requirement should be clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope.</p> <p>We need to allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.</p>
05/24/2020 04:01 PM	Joseph Burmester	2121 N HILLS DR APT I, Raleigh, NC, NC 27612	True	<p>Very respectfully - J. Wharton</p> <p>The photo ID requirement for 2020 is inappropriate and should be eliminated. I also believe flexibility should be given to counties to vary the hours of operation and a longer length of time for voter registration as well as allowing online voter registration for other agency clients. I believe we should be clearly stating on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope that only one witness is required and provide for contactless drop box returns for the Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.</p>

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05/24/2020 04:18 PM	Ms. Jill Blumenthal	6840 Constitution Lane, Charlotte, NC 28210	True	<p>Dear Committee,</p> <p>I am a native North Carolinian who believes that voting is a cornerstone of our democratic process. I always want our voting process to be fair, accessible to all, and adequately funded, but with the uncertainty that the COVID-19 pandemic is causing, I am concerned about our state's ability to hold a safe and fair election in November. I hope you will make sure our state and local Board of Election systems is prepared to administer an election in November that offers all citizens a chance to vote in a way that does not risk their health or wellbeing.</p> <p>First, since the pandemic makes in-person registration events challenging or impossible, I hope you will consider providing more voter registration opportunities through extending the 25-day limit and allowing online voter registration for other agency clients.</p> <p>I suspect many more North Carolinians will be using absentee ballots in 2020 – I myself have requested one for the first time in years just in case I'm afraid to go to the polls in November. Please make absentee voting requirements as simple as possible for both the BOE and for voters. Among other things, I think HAVA IDs should be acceptable for use</p>

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				<p>in the absentee ballot request application; the one-witness requirement should be clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope; and I hope you will allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.</p> <p>Hopefully early voting will be realistic in October and November. Since we don't know if we will have a recurrence of the pandemic in the fall, I think many people would prefer to vote early. Please give flexibility back to the counties to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation. We need as many early voting sites and hours as possible.</p> <p>Finally, I have heard that you are considering introducing a voter ID requirement. I am strongly opposed to this requirement, and I think it would be especially dangerous to enact such a requirement in a year as complicated as 2020. Our BOE will be working hard enough to administer this election without requiring this extra requirement and restriction.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
05/24/2020 04:25 PM	Mrs. Jane Clayton	3505 Barron Berkeley Way, Raleigh, NC 27612	True	<p>Please make sure NC voters have adequate opportunity to participate in elections. Covid 19 and Safer at Home may restrict voters. I urge you to: (1) NOT require photo ID for</p>

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				<p>voters in 2020</p> <p>(2) Extend the 25 day voter registration opportunities and allow online voter registration to be expanded</p> <p>(3) Give flexibility back to the counties to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation</p> <p>(4) Make HAVA IDs acceptable for use in absentee ballot request application</p> <p>(5) Require the one-witness requirement to be clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope</p> <p>(6) Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of my requests. Fair elections are BIPARTISAN!</p>
05/24/2020 04:46 PM	Mrs Pam Leonard	4504 e oak island dr, Oak island, Nc 28365	True	<p>Stop voter suppression!!!</p> <p>No additional voter Id is needed.</p> <p>You are doing so much damage to our country. Stop your voter suppression tactics.</p>
05/24/2020 04:55 PM	Ms Karen Achor	1808 Whispering Forest Dr, Charlotte, NC 28270	True	<p>I believe the state and counties of North Carolina need to prepare for a resurgence of the coronavirus (SARS-CoV2) at the time of the November elections. No matter what the numbers of positive cases at that time, a great deal of people will want to vote by absentee ballot so to protect the health of themselves, their loved ones, the essential workers in our hospitals, clinics, polling places, stores, fire stations, etc. We all want our economy</p>

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				to recover ASAP and not falter again. Avoiding surges of infections can speed the final recovery of our economy.
05/24/2020 05:22 PM			True	Voter ID should not be required unless provisions are made by the government to provide the resources for all voters to attain one. Also, voter registration and voter access should be expanded not constricted. Thank you.
05/24/2020 05:42 PM	Dr. Lawrence Morse	224 Kensington Rd, Greensboro, North Carolina 27403	True	Elections matter in a democracy. For elections to be democratic it is important that citizens have simple and great access to becoming registered and to voting. The recent efforts to limit registration and voting of low income citizens are shameful and need to be repealed.
05/24/2020 05:45 PM	Debbie Moose	4804 Haddon Court, Raleigh, NC 27606	True	While this bill adds flexibility in assigning precinct workers and provides matching state funds for the CARES act, it tries to reinstate voter ID. It's very troubling that this legislature is trying to use the pandemic crisis as an excuse to attempt to bring back this requirement for 2020, a clear attempt at restricting the right to vote among certain groups of voters. Voter ID should not return. To truly help make voting safe and accessible this November, you should return to the counties the flexibility to set hours for early voting sites, and allow the option of contactless drop boxes for absentee ballots. Voter registration should also be extended and more online options offered. Because of

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05/24/2020 05:53 PM	9th District Chair James Davis	239 Aggies Lane, Raeford, NC 28376	True	Support the Bill and its supporters!
05/24/2020 05:55 PM	Dr Peter Gal	1144 Martin St, Winston Salem, NC 27103	True	<p>I am concerned about any effort to decrease voter options or access. Voting is a right and safe voting sites in this COVID time needs to be emphasized. It is immoral to ask voters to risk their health just to vote. Nothing like the Wisconsin debacle where voters get COVID because a heartless court put them in that situation should happen again.</p> <p>Along those lines, photo ID is really not necessary based on actual evidence. More importantly, more voter registration opportunities should happen through extending the 25-day limit and allowing online voter registration.</p> <p>Give flexibility back to the counties to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation.</p> <p>HAVA IDs should be acceptable for use in the absentee ballot request application.</p> <p>Require the one-witness requirement be clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope.</p> <p>Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.</p>
05/24/2020 06:32 PM	Mr Ron Katz	106 Forest Lake Drive, Asheville, Alabama 28803	True	I appreciate the opportunity to offer my comments. Here are my thoughts. 1) There should

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05/24/2020 07:09 PM	Ms Carol Mitchell	6203 Redwine Drive, Hillsborough, NC 27278	True	I agree
05/24/2020 07:39 PM	Ms. Helen Livingston	311 Montrose Ln, Laurinburg, NC 28352	True	<p>There should be no photo ID in 2020. Counties should be allowed to vary hours of operation at early voting. Absentee ballots should require only one witness. The option of contactless drop box returns should be allowed for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
05/24/2020 08:23 PM	Dr Mark White	819 Summerwinds Dr., Cary, NC 27518	True	I strongly support House Bill 1169.
05/24/2020 08:53 PM	Ms Amy	3405 Gibbs Lane, Hillsborough, NC 27278	True	<p>I realize that many people are comfortable and familiar with standing in shopping lines 6 feet apart, but not everyone has the same risk tolerance. Those who prefer not to stand in line for supplies can send a family member or order for</p>

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				delivery, but voting must be done by the voter. Therefor it is important in our current climate to have the option to vote without making a personal contact. I fear for the volunteers, who are usually older and therefor at higher risk. I encourage us to think ahead and find ways to reinforce the design of a free and fair election that also minimizes transmission risk. Shifting the percentage of people who vote by mail means shifting the infrastructure and our fellow citizens and democracy would benefit from planning ahead. Thank you for your service.
05/24/2020 09:40 PM	Dr. Cynthia Kleppinger	200 Thurman Road, Beaufort, NC 28516	True	I hope you will support the amendments to HB1169 to expand voter protections. As an older voter and the wife of a person with mobility issues, I very much appreciate extending mail-in and online deadlines, in addition to making sure there are no long lines to wait to vote. I also support allowing voters to use various forms of IDs that we used years ago (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck). Please consider all the needs of all the voters. Thank you
05/24/2020 09:43 PM	Elaine Jacobs	874 Long Branch Rd, Lansing, NC 28643	True	I appreciate that this bill addresses the vote. Here are some issues that must be addressed before this bill can be passed. 1) voters should not have to provide photo ID in 2020.

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				<p>This limits access to voting.</p> <p>2) expand voter registration opportunities through extending the 25-day limit and allowing online voter registration</p> <p>3) Let counties have the flexibility to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation.</p> <p>4) HAVA IDs should be acceptable for use in the absentee ballot request application. The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) mandates that any new registrant (voters who have not registered to vote prior to 2002 or voters re-registering in a different county or location since that time) must provide either a driver's license or the last four digits of his or her social security number at the time of registration.</p> <p>5) Require the one-witness requirement be clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope.</p> <p>6) Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.</p>
05/24/2020 10:17 PM	Mr Marc Beverly	127 NE 3rd St, Oak island, North Carolina 28465	True	<p>I am 62 yrs old and have been voting since I was 18. I have never been required to show an ID. I do not think voter fraud is the issue republicans want is to believe it is. I believe it is voter suppression! If this piece remains in the bill, it is my hope that Governor Cooper vetoes it.</p>
05/24/2020 11:12 PM	Mrs. Nancy CELLI	1207 Willowgreen Ct., Winnabow, NC 28479	True	<p>Take Action to Support Safe and Fair Elections</p>

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				<p>On Friday, a bi-partisan elections bill was submitted in the NC House, HB1169. This bill does make some modest efforts to address some of these problems, but also raises some troubling issues. HB1169 allows some expansion of absentee request applications, flexibility for assigning precinct workers within the county, and eliminates one required witness. The bill also provides the matching state funds required to access existing Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and Help American Vote Act (HAVA) federal funds. However, it reintroduces a requirement that voters show an approved photo ID, this time adding IDs that are issued by a government public assistance agency. This is very troubling since the temporary injunction issued by the federal court could be overturned.</p> <p>The League of Women Voters has fought for many years against requiring voters to show an ID when voting. We are concerned that the legislature is using the COVID-19 crisis to bring it back. We cannot, and we should not, be willing to trade the concerns of one group of voters with another. We stand for improved access to voting for all voters.</p> <p>There is a comment portal for you to register your concerns</p>

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				<p>about HB 1169:</p> <p>https://www.ncleg.gov/RequestForComments/36</p> <p>Here are some talking points:</p> <p>Speak out against photo ID in 2020.</p> <p>Advocate for more voter registration opportunities through extending the 25-day limit and allowing online voter registration for other agency clients.</p> <p>Give flexibility back to the counties to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation.</p> <p>HAVA IDs should be acceptable for use in the absentee ballot request application.</p> <p>Require the one-witness requirement be clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope.</p> <p>Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.</p> <p>Allow the option of an Absentee Ballot for a voter who has a secondary health issue, or a family member who does</p>
05/24/2020 11:27 PM	Dr Joseph Tanzini	4308 Edgehill Ct, Raleigh, NC 27612	True	Please extend the Bill to allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines,

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05/25/2020 01:57 AM	Mrs Mary Oyewole	558 summerwalk Rd, Greensboro , NC 27455-1433	True	Please do not reintroduce photo ID requirement. Reinstate polling locations and extend dates. Mail ballots as option please. No more barriers to constitutional right to vote. People suffering, at least they should be able to vote in peace and not be afraid for their health or safety. Be human please. Fair elections everybody wins.
05/25/2020 06:36 AM	Ms RoseMarie Fassbender	3455 Haskell Lane, Southport, NC 28461	True	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Voter ID in the 2020 election should NOT be a requirement. 2. There should be more voter registration opportunities by extending the 25 day limit and allow online voter registration for other agency clients. 3. Counties should be given flexibility to allow early voting sites to vary their hours of operation. 4. HAVA IDs should be acceptable for use in absentee ballot requests. 5. The one witness requirement on the Absentee Ballot Container envelope should be very clearly identified to assure that this is not overlooked by the voter. <p>Thank you. Rosemarie Fassbender</p>
05/25/2020 06:41 AM	Mrs. Eileen Vella	923 Traditions Ridge Drive,	True	We need the following

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		Wake Forest, NC 27587		<p>changes:</p> <p>Expanded ability to register new voters when past practices are limited by safer-at-home orders and cancelled public events.</p> <p>Expanded options to make a request to receive an absentee-by-mail ballot by fax, email and online application.</p> <p>Modifications to the Ballot Container Return process to make submitting the completed ballot safer by removing the witness requirement and allowing contactless drop box delivery.</p> <p>Improved in-person voting options through safer polling locations.</p>
05/25/2020 06:46 AM	Ms. Patricia Anderson	15 WAGON TRL, BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC 28711	True	<p>I urge you to strengthen NC voting rights for the 2020 general election by extending mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration, accepting HAVA IDs for voter registration, and improving in-person voting conditions so that voters may be physically safer and can avoid long lines. These actions are vital for North Carolinians as we strive to achieve an election process that makes voting more accessible to all.</p>
05/25/2020 07:22 AM	Mr. Robert Randall	519 Stagg Rd, Hillsborough, NC 27278	True	<p>"Hardly any in-person voter fraud occurs, but the bulk of voter fraud occurs absentee and there's nothing to do with insuring that the person voting absentee is who they say they are." NC Attorney General, Josh Stein.</p>

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				<p>Although Absentee Voting is a great benefit for law-abiding citizens, it is also the source for most of the voter fraud occurring in this state. That is why effective laws and enforcement should be in place to expose those attempting voter fraud. Please consider the following concerns:</p> <p>Section 1.(b) It is unclear to me if the traditional requirement of having election judges representing both major parties at an Election Day polling location is still in place for 2020. If not, it should be. In addition, representation from both major parties should be required for the staff assisting voters for in-person absentee voting.</p> <p>Section 7.(a) Establishing an online portal for absentee ballot requests without requiring that the voter to provide his/her photo ID with the application will only encourage voter fraud. In addition, requiring the voter assistant (near relative or verifiable legal guardian) to provide his/her photo ID with the application as well will also help deter voter fraud.</p> <p>Section 7.(b) I'm not an IT person, but it sounds like tracking IP addresses would be helpful in detecting absentee ballot harvesting and identifying the</p>

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				perps. Please consider requiring the SBE to make full disclosure regarding IP address tracking on the Absentee Ballot Request Web Site. This may help deter absentee voter fraud.
05/25/2020 08:19 AM	jan Abbott	1116 Leesburg Drive, Leland, NC 28451	True	<p>Here are some of my talking points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Speak out against photo ID in 2020. 2. Advocate for more voter registration opportunities through extending the 25-day limit and allowing online voter registration for other agency clients. 3. Give flexibility back to the counties to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation. 4. HAVA IDs should be acceptable for use in the absentee ballot request application. 5. Require the one-witness requirement be clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope. 6. Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.
05/25/2020 08:57 AM	OLIVIA SHAW	1023 Summerlin Falls Ct, Wilmington, NC 28412	True	I support H1169
05/25/2020 09:03 AM	Patty Bellitt	1009 Steeplechase Road, Wilmington , NC 28412	True	I should not have to choose between my health and voting in the 2020 Presidential Election because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We must be allowed the option to use mail-in voting.
05/25/2020 09:08 AM	Ms. Laura M Cotterman	2590 Shadetree Rd, Hillsborough , Nc 27278	True	We know the COVID-19 pandemic will impact our elections. Election relief bill

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				<p>House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.</p> <p>In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, * broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and * expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. <p>As a North Carolina voter, can I count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month?</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
05/25/2020 09:10 AM	Ms Margaret Kelley	3044 Annsdale Dr S, Leland, NC 28451	True	I support the voter rights legislation you are proposing EXCEPT for the section requiring rigid voter

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				<p>identification. Photo IDs can be difficult to acquire. I did not get my driver's license until I was 27. I got my passport for the first time when I was 30. How would I have been able to vote from age 18 to 27 if this photo ID requirement were in place at that time?</p> <p>Denying the right to vote is fundamentally unAmerican. Please do not silence the voices of the young and the poor.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
05/25/2020 09:18 AM	LORELEI DIBERNARDO	32 9TH AVENUE W, Southern Shores, NC 27949	True	I support increasing access to voting! Our democracy is based on mass public voting, not limiting access. Do not bring back Voter ID requirement as the courts have already stated that it is discriminatory for the disenfranchised and everyone deserves a vote.
05/25/2020 09:27 AM	Ms. Laura Williams	203 Acer Court, Wilmington, NC 28411	True	Please eliminate the requirement of a photo id for voting.
05/25/2020 09:46 AM	Dr. Ashley Marhsall		True	<p>This bill does not go far enough to give North Carolinas every possible access to the ballot. Furthermore, it does not provide provisions for protecting Black and Brown people in this state in which the courts have found over and over again, that this state tries to suppress their vote. You can do more. You should do more to allow for expansive access to the ballot in November.</p>

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05/25/2020 10:17 AM	Terry Landers	10002 Fountain, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	The title of this bill says it all ..."IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC". ALL legal voters must be able to safely vote in the 2020 elections. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!!!! Important provisions for safe in-person voting and voting by mail are critical and must be addressed immediately. Inserting a requirement for Voter Identification at the poles has NOTHING to do with responding to this is pandemic. The inclusion of this controversial provision will only delay what should be a non-partisan response to our unusual times. The requirement for VOTER ID should immediately be REMOVED from this bill.
05/25/2020 10:20 AM	Ms Susan Mahall	2163 Forest View Circle , Leland , NC 29451	True	I encourage you to Not reinstate the photo ID requirements. This disproportionately affects one segment of voters and represents a for. Of voter suppression. As a poll worker, I salute the items in this I'll that take my safety and voters safety into account.
05/25/2020 10:22 AM	Ms. Arianne Hartsell-Gundy	100 Shady Spring Pl., Durham, NC 27713	True	Thank you for this first step in making voting easier for all people in North Carolina during these extraordinary circumstances, particularly by requiring only one witness for absentee ballots. I would like to recommend a couple of things. First please don't reintroduce a requirement that voters show an approved photo ID. This creates

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05/25/2020 10:56 AM	Dr. Jeff Land	2508 Hiking Tr, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	<p>Thank you for addressing the essential issue of voter security and expanded opportunity for mail in voting. Needless to say, we are all improvising in the effort to insure this year's elections are safe and secure. Please insure the process for obtaining absentee ballots is clear and available for all who request them. Provide enough potential drop stops for those who wish to return the ballots in person and not overburden the USPS. With many states much further along in the procedures for mail in voting, learn from their experiences and even improve upon them. Finally within this hyperpartisan moment, do your best to refrain from repeating the false accusation that mail in ballots are susceptible to fraud. Rather, work to do everything possible to guard against the limited possibility that this occurs.</p>

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				Thank you.
05/25/2020 11:04 AM	HB 1169 Stacy Lubov	303 Harkness Cir., Durham, NC 27705-7363	True	No voter ID should be required Extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration Give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting. Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. Provide pre-paid postage for mail in ballots
05/25/2020 11:06 AM	Mrs. Mary Buffaloe	165 Bridges Farm Road, Youngsville, NC 27596	True	I am 74 and have diabetes as well. I have worked at the polls for years. I believe this year, I would decline due to the virus. Most of us who work at the poles are older seniors that have worked many years as well. I don't believe it would be safe and I think we should offer our older citizens the chance to vote by mail. If the mail is opened correctly by a bipartisan group, there should be no bigger threat for fraud than is now. Please vote to keep us safe.
05/25/2020 11:15 AM	Ms Elizabeth Freeman	4105 Halifax Rd, Wilmington, NC 28403	True	From all reading & research, it seems to me that 1. Vote-by-mail, 2. Expanded Early voting 3. Automatic voter registration..all increase the ability of ALL citizens to exercise their voter rights, does NOT increase voter fraud, nor favor a specific party. The only times I have witnessed obvious voter fraud was on the part of the party that screams "voter fraud" the most often.

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05/25/2020 11:15 AM	Dr. Susan Kreissman	104 Millbrae Lane, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	<p>I have the following comments regarding the proposed bill:</p> <p>No voter ID should be required</p> <p>Extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration</p> <p>Give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting.</p> <p>Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.</p> <p>Provide pre-paid postage for mail in ballots</p> <p>Thank you</p>
05/25/2020 11:20 AM	Dale Sandler	2616 Creek Ridge Lane, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	<p>This legislation does not go far enough to protect the vote and voters in this unusual time. Some things that appear missing include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Flexibility for local governments to allow them to maximize early voting to accomplish safe distancing and other means to prevent the spread of virus during any surge or second wave. 2) Enhanced options for mail-in voting including the possibility of drop boxes for ballots 3) No voter ID requirement. 4) Extending deadlines for voter registration by mail or email. 5) Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballots. 5) Making it as easy as possible for people to mail ballots such as providing pre-paid postage for mail in

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				<p>ballots so people who are unable to leave their homes or not able to get to the post office the opportunity to vote and extending the voting period.</p> <p>6) Simplifying the process for requesting/receiving absentee ballots. Ideally forms for requesting ballots and/or instructions should be sent to every household in the state with ample time for return requests to be processed. Allowing ballot requests to be made on line is a start. But it should also be possible to down load the ballot once confirmed as a registered voter to avoid the need for increased staffing and unnecessary personal contact.</p>
05/25/2020 11:21 AM	Ms Bernise Lynch	40 Beekeeper Trl, Swannanoa, NC 28778	True	<p>Please do a better job on this bill before it becomes law... We need more time and space til vote (by mail and in person)...</p>
05/25/2020 11:21 AM	Dr Janet Taylor	105 Edgewood Dr, Louisburg, NC 27549	True	<p>I'm writing to support efforts to make voting easier, simpler, and safer in NC. I am 66 years old. I not have two other adults living in my home, so access to people to notarize my ballot will be very challenging as I continue social distancing.</p> <p>I am very civic-minded and I ALWAYS vote. I have served as an election judge for the past two years. I will not be doing that this year. The health risks are too great. This saddens me, but it's necessary. Please consult der dropboxes for voters to leave their sealed ballots. Please consider</p>

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				expanding curbside /drive-by voting. That could minimize contact for poll workers and voters. Thank you. Janet Taylor
05/25/2020 11:23 AM	Ms Teresa Wignall	1381 Cross Water Circle, Leland, NC 28451	True	Dear Sir or Madam, I urge you to: Speak out against photo ID in 2020. Advocate for more voter registration opportunities through extending the 25-day limit and allowing online voter registration for other agency clients. Give flexibility back to the counties to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation. HAVA IDs should be acceptable for use in the absentee ballot request application. Require the one-witness requirement be clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope. Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.
05/25/2020 11:30 AM	Catherine Wides	15 Midland Park LN, GREENSBORO, NC 27455	True	No voter ID until we are safe to get out without masks. There are too many older folks in NC who cannot get an ID because of the Covid19 risk. A photo ID wearing a mask will probably not work and taking off the mask means additional risk for risking serious illness. Expand early voting so that more folks can vote safely

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				with more space between voters. We could even provide specific times for older voters only in addition to expanded dates, times and location.
05/25/2020 11:37 AM	Steve Bravy	639 Spindlewood, Pittsboro, NC 27312	True	This looks like an effort to resurrect material which instead should be buried. Perhaps one could deed Mars to Trump instead? Or crown Ivanka as the foremost ersatz liberal?
05/25/2020 11:38 AM	Ms Ann Alexander	130 East Main Street 202, Durham, NC 27701	True	PLEASE CONSIDER THESE CONSIDERATIONS WHEN VOTING ON THIS BILL: No voter ID should be required Extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration Give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting. Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. Provide pre-paid postage for mail in ballots THESE WILL FIGHT AGAINST VOTER SUPPRESSION. NO REASON NOT TO INCLUDE THESE DEMANDS
05/25/2020 11:41 AM	Susan Criscenzo	217 glen eden road, Durham, NC 27713	True	No voter ID should be required ? Extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration ? Give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting.

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05/25/2020 11:44 AM	Elaine Bauman	4130 Garrett Rd. Apt 812, Durham, NC 27707	True	This bill brings back the already rejected ID requirement There should be No voter ID needed To get my (and my community's) vote a bill must have Mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration. Each county should make its own early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting and we need contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. And we'd like to see postage-paid envelopes needed for mail in ballots
05/25/2020 11:44 AM	ms b. sheila clendenning	526 Summerfield Pl, Flat Rock, 40 28731	True	- VOTE BY MAIL is safest option! Expand access to the request form! - Make every possible modification to ensure voter safety (Covid19-related, especially but not exclusively) at physical polls. -Expand voter registration opportunities! Online is easy. - County Boards of Election know best about early voting and number sites. Raleigh need not dictate. - IDs, if required , MUST be widely-and-EASILY-obtained
05/25/2020 11:51 AM	Ms Linda Hilvert	1212 Farm Leaf Dr , Durham , NC 27703	True	Photo IDs should not be required to vote. We need more opportunities for people to register to vote, the right to early voting, and mail in

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				ballots. Must make it easy to vote for everyone and available to everyone.
05/25/2020 11:51 AM	Mr. Stan Finch	3212 Arthur Minnis Rd, Hillsborough, NC 27278	True	<p>I strongly oppose the unethical restrictions included in HB 1169 on voting in NC. I support the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No voter ID should be required -Extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration -Give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting. -Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. -Provide pre-paid postage for mail in ballots <p>The only voter fraud being foisted on the citizens of NC are those unneeded restriction being proposed by the Republicans in the legislature.</p> <p>Stan Finch</p>
05/25/2020 11:52 AM	Dr. Rosemary Wilson	5620 Schley Road, Hillsborough, NC 27278	True	<p>I would urge that due to the high probability that a second wave of Covid-19 will be upon us by November, absentee voting be made as accessible as possible. Procedures for requesting absentee ballots should be made simple and easy, and widely publicized. Postage-paid return envelopes should be issued with the ballot forms.</p>
05/25/2020 11:52 AM	Dr. Julie Johnson	2704 Stuart Drive, Durham, NC 27707	True	<p>Democracy is strongest when voters can participate freely, without obstacles. No voter ID.</p>

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				Easily available mail-in ballots, postage-paid. Flexibility to allow for local needs. Ample polling places and early voting.
05/25/2020 11:55 AM	Ms. Nelda Holder	2300 Timber Drive, Raleigh, NC 27604	True	<p>Our most important franchise is the right to vote. That right must be a right that can be PRACTICED as easily as possible. I believe the currently proposed elections bill would suppress the ability of our North Carolina citizens to vote during this strange time of a pandemic, and that we MUST do all we possibly can to aid the citizenry . Here are my suggestions regarding the current bill: (1) Please allow flexibility to counties to SERVE THEIR CONSTITUENTS. One size does not fit all. Allow them to adjust early voting sites with hours that fit the needs of their different communities. (2) Expand voter registration opportunities during this incredibly complicated time by extending the 25-day limit and by ALLOWING ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION for other agency clients; (3) Drop the idea of instituting photo ID in 2020, when all hell is breaking loose and so many older people are afraid to even leave their houses (for just reason) -- we have held perfectly valid and fair elections for years without this; (4) For Heaven's sake, add the option of CONTACTLESS drop box returns for Absentee Ballots; (5) In anticipation of a high increase of Absentee Ballots,</p>

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				be extremely careful and obvious in indicating the ONE-WITNESS REQUIREMENT on the ballot container envelope (or, better yet, drop the witness requirement and use signature verification!). Thank you very much!
05/25/2020 11:55 AM	Mrs. Marlene Barney	8508 Lakeview Drive, Wilmington , NC 28412	True	I support the substance of this bill, but please add more acceptable types of voter ID, extend the deadlines for absentee ballots, allow counties to expand and extend early voting and drop-off ballot locations, and provide postage paid mail-in ballots. Thank you.
05/25/2020 11:58 AM	Mrs Anne Piervincenzi	407 Canonero Drive, Fairview, NC 28730	True	I wish to speak out against photo ID in 2020. I Advocate for more voter registration opportunities through extending the 25-day limit and allowing online voter registration for other agency clients. Give flexibility back to the counties to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation. HAVA IDs should be acceptable for use in the absentee ballot request application. Require the one-witness requirement be clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope. Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.
05/25/2020 12:06 PM	Elizabeth Woodman	121 N Wake Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278	True	I urge you to make voting easier, drop the already-litigated photo id obsession, extend mail-in and online

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				voting registration deadlines...And let the counties decide about early voting timetables. We urge you to HELP people vote, not work to discourage them.
05/25/2020 12:11 PM	Ms Nancy Spencer	2818 Tavistock Drive, Durham, NC 27712	True	I believe this bill is important to pass now to ensure that voting is able to proceed as I intended in the fall. .Particularly, ,in case of a reoccurrence of Covid 19. We must make voting As easy and accessible as possible , particularly during a pandemic.
05/25/2020 12:15 PM	Carol	27517-2506	True	<p>Our parents in retirement communities with physical limitations for driving, even before COVID-19 stay home issues, must have options. They are your constituents who have been voting faithfully for years. The following should</p> <p>Be part of HB1169 and/or any Bill re voting options.</p> <p>? No voter ID should be required.</p> <p>? Extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration.</p> <p>? Give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting.</p> <p>? Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Envelopes.</p> <p>? Provide pre-paid postage for mail-in ballots.</p> <p>How much safer for poll workers and general</p>

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				Public could it be if all-most voted by mail? The track record is good in states that do! Our constitution is designed for, and our system as work the best when, ALL have unencumbered access to voting.
05/25/2020 12:18 PM	James Griffin	15 Midland Park, Greensboro, NC 27455	True	Voting is a right guaranteed by our Constitution, and attempts to limit it or make it more difficult to exercise are un-American. Requiring display of official identification tends to exclude from this right poor and disabled citizens. Voter impersonation, the only type of fraud id requirements address, is virtually non-existent. Suppression of the vote by legislative maneuvers presents a real threat to citizens' rights and demonstrates only fear of a free, open election.
05/25/2020 12:33 PM	Deborah McGivern	Sherrills Ford, 28673, NC 28673	True	While I applaud the expansion of means to request an absentee ballot the legislation does not go far enough in easing the burden of casting an absentee ballot. BUT whatever you gave in requesting the ballot you have done a huge disservice in adding the PHOTO ID back into a bill. During this time when we are concerned about the health of our population you are attempting to put back in a photo ID requirement that was just this year blocked by the courts. What matters more to you as our representative having all eligible voters able to vote safely? or putting additional

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				hurdles in place for those voters?
05/25/2020 01:02 PM	Mrs Marcey Katzman	285 Sugar Gum Lane #40, Pinehurst, NC 28374	True	<p>I am very concerned about HB 1169 because it does not address the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -additional ability to register new voters; witness requirement that needs to be eliminated; expanded options for ways to receive ballots; enhanced in-person voting options. <p>Voting is the basis of our democracy and we must make it easier for citizens to vote if we want to preserve our American ideals. Thank you for dealing with voting-related issues during Coronavirus challenges with HB 1169, but to be a Bill that has impact in all areas of concern, the items stated above must be considered and included. Thank you.</p>
05/25/2020 01:06 PM	Ms Helen Hardwick	10006 crew, Chapel hill , Nc 27517	True	<p>Inserting a requirement for Voter Identification at the poles has NOTHING to do with responding to this pandemic. The inclusion of this controversial provision will only delay what should be a non-partisan response to our unusual times. The requirement for VOTER ID should immediately be REMOVED from this bill.</p>
05/25/2020 01:06 PM	Ms Helen Hardwick	10006 crew, Chapel hill , Nc 27517	True	<p>Inserting a requirement for Voter Identification at the poles has NOTHING to do with responding to this pandemic. The inclusion of this controversial provision will only delay what should be a non-partisan response to our unusual times. The</p>

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05/25/2020 01:08 PM	Mrs. Audrey Stelloh	65 Sierrs Dr, Hendersonville, NC 28739	True	I think North Carolinians should have the option for mail-in ballots in all elections. Especially the 2020 election, which will have the possibility for Covid-19 transmission amongst voters.
05/25/2020 01:13 PM	Mrs. Sharon Johnson	8436 Umstead Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304	True	HB1169 has a lot of merit but I'd like to see it modified to incorporate provisions of SB828, eliminating requirements for a witness signature.
05/25/2020 01:15 PM	Ms. Janet McElligott	2638 EmpieDrive, Leland, NC 28451	True	I will be 69 y.o. at election time. I am immuno-compromised with rheumatoid arthritis, asthma and other medical issues. I live in a community in which most residents are over 60. I fear some may not be able to go to a polling place or may stay away due to fear of covid-19. I have many friends here who are dealing with high blood pressure, diabetes, multiple sclerosis, heart disease, rheumatoid arthritis, and one who has had a lung replacement and wears a mask all the time. Many people are still not wearing a mask even now while our county's covid-19 positive counts are rising almost daily (of course that's only people who are being tested!) I wear a mask which as we now know protects others more than it protects me. I and my community need as much protection from this virus as we can get. We need to have

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				the right to vote by mail in order to exercise our right to vote. I sincerely request that you sign this legislation so that we can have a fair election.
05/25/2020 01:18 PM	Mrs Emily Lees	1516 Cumberland Rd, CHAPEL HILL, NC 27514	True	I strongly urge passage of a bill allowing all registered voters to mail in ballots from the safety of their homes. Please do not require voter ID as this will create unnecessary complications in these difficult times. Thank you.
05/25/2020 01:46 PM	Kathleen Yonce	1104 Elizabeth Dr, Oak Island, NC 28465	True	<p>Thank you for including the options for filing absentee ballot requests online or by email or fax in addition to US mail and delivery to BOE, for eliminating one required witness for absentee voting, and for marking absentee ballot envelopes with a bar code for tracking the ballot. Thank you also for providing the matching state funds required to access existing CARES Act and HAVA federal funds.</p> <p>But please DO NOT reintroduce the requirement that voters show an approved photo ID nor require that ID be issued by a government public assistance agency. Do not try to slip this in under the guise of election safety.</p> <p>Also, please consider adding postage-paid envelopes to return absentee ballots. Thank you.</p>
05/25/2020 01:48 PM	Mrs. Andrea Martin	108 Saddlevew In, Franklinton, NC 27525	True	Due to CoV-2 and the health and welfare of all North Carolina Citizens it is

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				imperative the citizens are given the opportunity to vote by mail. Denying this option would risk the health and safety of it's citizens and give this virus more opportunity to spread. Too many lives have already been lost.
05/25/2020 01:49 PM	Rabbi John Friedman	6 Womble Circle , Durham , NC 27705	True	<p>*First, No voter ID should be required. Courts have already ruled on this and it is further inappropriate for voting by mail</p> <p>*Let us invite our people to vote, not discourage them! Provide pre-paid postage for mail in ballots</p> <p>*The legislature should definatly extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration. We should reach out to all North Carolinians!</p> <p>*Give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting.</p> <p>*Please, allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. Is this not obvious!</p> <p>Thank you for inviting comments. Rabbi John S. Friedman</p>
05/25/2020 01:51 PM	Esther Coleman	10025 Fountain, Chapel Hill , NC 27517	True	You must pass most of this bill with the exception of Voter ID. This is just a deceptive move - a wolf in sheep's clothing - designed again to suppress voting in minority and senior communities. This pandemic has brought out partisan moves like this, and that is extremely disruptive to

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				our democracy. BUT we must guarantee that our voters can exercise their right to vote in the safest ways possible both in person and by mail. Just remove the voter id requirement. And pass this NOW.
05/25/2020 01:53 PM	Mrs. Pat Wheeler	809 Country Club Drive, High Point, NC 27262	True	<p>I would like to see the following considerations made to alter the bill:</p> <p>No Voter ID required Extend the deadlines for mail-in and online voter registration Give counties the flexibility in early voting schedules that will be best for their respective county Allow an option for a contactless drop box for absentee ballots Provide prepaid postage for mail in ballots</p> <p>Your consideration of the above would be greatly appreciated at this time of Covid 19. Thank you.</p>
05/25/2020 01:57 PM	Mrs. Diane Pettifor	729 Kenmore Road, Chapel Hill , NC 27514	True	Please NO IDs to vote. Fraud is almost nonexistent and this is just a method to limit Democratic voters.
05/25/2020 02:01 PM	Victoria Shea	1075 Fearrington Post, Pittsboro, NC 27312	True	<p>Speak out against photo ID in 2020.</p> <p>Advocate for more voter registration opportunities through extending the 25-day limit and allowing online voter registration for other agency clients.</p> <p>1) Give flexibility back to the counties to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation. To prevent county boards from favoring or</p>

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				<p>disfavoring early voting sites based on partisan political reasons, the vote should be unanimous.</p> <p>2) HAVA IDs should be acceptable for use in the absentee ballot request application. There is no legitimate reason not to permit this.</p> <p>3) Require the one-witness requirement be clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope. People are just beginning to be aware of a two-person requirement; I have heard even advocates think the requirement is for 2 witnesses AND a notary. Very important to have large-print explanations of witness requirements.</p> <p>4) Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. Many young voters might be disenfranchised for want of a stamp. The best scenario would be postage-paid envelopes. At minimum, there should be secure drop boxes easily accessible throughout the community.</p>
05/25/2020 02:13 PM	A Saper		True	<p>HB 1169 must allow for voters to have the following: No required v No voter ID should be required</p> <p>? Extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration</p> <p>? Give communities the ability to set up the voting times/days that allows all voters the chance to vote with</p>

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				COVID-19 guidelines in place. ? Make available drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes that. ? Make available pre-paid postage envelopes for mail in ballots
05/25/2020 02:16 PM	Mike Gilliom	113 Steeplechase Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	Inserting a requirement for Voter Identification at the poles has NOTHING to do with responding to this pandemic. The inclusion of this controversial provision will only delay what should be a non-partisan response to our unusual times. The requirement for VOTER ID should immediately be REMOVED from this bill.
05/25/2020 02:29 PM	Dr. Marcia Mandel	5 Radley Place, Durham, NC 27705	True	A good start but some important issues/problems: The bill has unnecessary and potentially-confusing photo voter ID language already blocked by two separate courts - there should not be any voter ID requirement! Also, please add/amend the following: Extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration Give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting. Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. Provide pre-paid postage for mail in ballots
05/25/2020 02:31 PM	Mrs Susan Buonocore	19027 Stone Brook, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27517	True	Thank you! Please DO NOT insert Photo ID requirement into House Bill

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				<p>1169 Election 2020. This has NOTHING TO DO WITH COVID-19.</p> <p>Please DO provide for SAFE IN-PERSON voting and VOTE-BY-MAIL option.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
05/25/2020 02:36 PM	Deborah Beroth	6316 Lakeway Dr, Raleigh, NC 27612	True	<p>Dear Sirs, I will need an absentee ballot because I have a serious health concern. I husband will need one because of me. My mother will need one because of her age. We should not be required to have a photo ID. Please extend the voter registration deadline to go through the end of the Early Voting period, instead of the current cut-off which is 25 days before an election. While same day registration during early voting is available for in-person voting, this needs to be extended for mail-in voting options. Now that the NCSBE has offered online voter registration, there is no need for an earlier cut-off. Allow counties the flexibility to set Early Voting hours and locations to reflect their unique needs, instead of the current statewide mandated rules.</p> <p>HAVA IDs should be acceptable for use in the absentee ballot request application, in lieu of the last four digits of SSN, driver's license, or special ID card. Require the one-witness requirement to be clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope. (to replace the current two witness requirement)</p>

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				<p>Allow the option of contactless dropbox returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.</p> <p>Provide postage-paid return envelopes for mail-in (absentee) ballots. We want more people to participate in our elections not less.</p> <p>Sincerely, Deborah Beroth</p>
05/25/2020 02:39 PM	Dr. Ellen Markus	6806 Falconbridge Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	<p>I would like to express my concerns about house bill 1160. The most important thing at this time is to provide safety for all eligible voters. This means mail-in ballots, extending the mail-in and online registration deadlines and providing increased flexibility for the counties to set their own early voting schedules for those who wish to vote early in person. There should be option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballots and postage should be pre-paid for anyone who cannot afford a stamp. Lastly, there should be no voter ID requirements. Every citizen is guaranteed the right to vote by the Constitution and it is incumbent upon the legislature to provide a safe and infection-free option for all NC citizens to vote, by mail. Thank you for upholding the U.S. Constitution. Sincerely, Ellen Markus</p>
05/25/2020 02:44 PM	Ms. Tobi Lippin	22 Duke of Gloucester Circle, Durham, North Carolina 27713	True	<p>Voting is a sacred right we have in our country. Access to voting is key. The current pandemic--likely to continue until next year--especially for</p>

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				should not be a burden on voters--especially those now facing critical economic challenges including high unemployment, eviction, utility disconnects, etc. Every dollar counts...not to mention that places that sell stamps again require potential exposure to the virus and time and transportation that many do not have.
05/25/2020 02:45 PM	MR Edward Bassett	10002 fountain , Chapel Hill, NC 27517-6383	True	The title of this bill says it all ..."IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC". ALL legal voters must be able to safely vote in the 2020 elections. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!!!! Important provisions for safe in-person voting and voting by mail are critical and must be addressed immediately. Inserting a requirement for Voter Identification at the poles has NOTHING to do with responding to this is pandemic. The inclusion of this controversial provision will only delay what should be a non-partisan response to our unusual times. The requirement for VOTER ID should immediately be REMOVED from this bill.
05/25/2020 02:46 PM	Ms. Beverly Kegley	120 Jolly St, LOUISBURG, NC 27549	True	Voting by mail makes perfect sense. We did the census by mail. Please pass voting by mail in NC.
05/25/2020 02:46 PM	Dr. Gail Henderson	308 Rhododendron Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	Here are my thoughts. I hope they make a difference. 1. No voter ID should be required 2. Extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration

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				<p>3. Give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting.</p> <p>4. Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.</p> <p>5. Provide pre-paid postage for mail in ballots</p>
05/25/2020 02:48 PM	Ms. Susan Jezorek	1488 KENMARE CT, HIGH POINT, NC 27260	True	<p>Thank you for passing a bi-partisan elections bill that does provide funds needed to receive money from the CARES Act to use for election changes. However I do not like the requirement of an ID for the 2020 election as this will keep many people from voting. Also please change the bill to make absentee voting easier by allowing counties to extend the early voting times at various sites and allow ballots to be returned to drop boxes. Thank you for considering my comments.</p>
05/25/2020 02:49 PM	Bonnie Gilliom	113 Steeplechase Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	<p>Please remove the requirement for a Voter ID from this bill. It has nothing to do with safety and only makes things more complex for no reason.</p>
05/25/2020 02:51 PM	Dr. Judith Bellin	750 Weaver Dairy Rd #3212, CHAPEL HILL, NC 27514	True	<p>I am writing to comment on HB 1169 – Elections 2020.</p> <p>The current public health crisis has significantly disrupted many aspects of our lives and our society. It is imperative that NC change electoral procedures in order to ensure that access to the ballot and a fair election. We cannot</p>

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				<p>afford to let this pandemic negatively impact this fall's election.</p> <p>I therefore welcome many of the provisions of HB 1169, such as the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reducing the absentee ballot witness requirement from two persons to one. - Allowing voters to submit an absentee ballot request form via email, online, fax, mail or in person. - giving counties greater flexibility in the assignment of poll workers, thus addressing possible poll worker shortages at precincts. - providing money to counties to prepare for elections amid COVID-19, including the purchasing of personal protective equipment for use at polling places, and increasing recruitment and compensation of poll workers. <p>However, HB1169 reintroduces a requirement that voters show an approved photo ID, this time adding IDs that are issued by a government public assistance agency. For years, there has been a thus-far successful struggle against this discriminatory requirement, which is currently prevented by court injunction. It would be shameful to use the COVID-19 crisis to revive this spurious requirement.</p>

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05/25/2020 02:52 PM	Holly Reiling	47 Eastmoor Dr, Asheville, NC 28805	True	<p>Photo ID in 2020 in unnecessary. Voter fraud has been a problem!</p> <p>More voter registration opportunities are needed; extend the 25-day limit and allow online voter registration for other agency clients. Give flexibility back to the counties to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation.</p> <p>HAVA IDs should be acceptable for use in the absentee ballot request application.</p> <p>The one-witness requirement be clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope.</p> <p>Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.</p>
05/25/2020 03:00 PM	Mrs. Elizabeth Davis	586 Salola Ln, Brevard, NC 28712-8489	True	<p>HB1169 contains some very good proposals such as relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties. However, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters, particularly elderly voters like me and my husband. That includes things like:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, 2. broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a

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				<p>utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and</p> <p>3. expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
05/25/2020 03:01 PM	Ms Harriet Solomon	130 Lake Ellen Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	<p>Please include funding and structure for voting by mail because the Covid-19 virus will still be around and many senior citizens, like me, will not want to stand in lines to vote in person. Getting an absentee ballot has cumbersome podurs for many rural and elderly voters. Voting is a sacred right in the US, not a privilege for just some of the citizens. Please rethink the bill.</p>
05/25/2020 03:15 PM	Ms Wendy Michener	1214 Cornell, Durham, NC 27707	True	<p>I heartily approve of the provisions to fund necessary improvements to election system within the state. I suspect it will be found to be less than required to complete the work.</p> <p>I am unhappy with the requirements for witnesses. Given how many people are living alone , asking them to find TWO people and get close to them is harsh. And the nursing home requirement is beyond harsh in the present climate. Ask, instead, that the witnesses be from different wings or floors or areas of care but DO NOT require that they come from outside the facility. That was</p>

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				<p>unreasonable before COVID19, now it is vicious.</p> <p>Regarding allowing people from outside the precinct to be poll workers, the reasons seems sound. Though sufficient notice on Twitter and similar "modern" communication forms might raise enough local younger (at home) poll workers to replace the elders. Might, but no certainty, so the relaxations seems reasonable.</p>
05/25/2020 03:16 PM	Ms. Kathy Kyle	34 Chester Place, Asheville, Nc 28806	True	<p>We need the following:</p> <p>Expanded ability to register new voters.</p> <p>Expanded options to make a request to receive an absentee-by-mail ballot by fax, email and online application.</p> <p>Modifications to the Ballot Container Return process to make submitting the completed ballot safer by removing the witness requirement and allowing contactless drop box delivery.</p> <p>Improved in-person voting options through safer polling locations.</p> <p>I am against photo ID in 2020.</p> <p>We need more voter registration opportunities through extending the 25-day limit and allowing online voter registration for other agency clients.</p> <p>Give flexibility back to the counties to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation.</p>
05/25/2020 03:26 PM	Mrs Jean Ellis Atwater	2089 Farrington Point, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	<p>Important to improve access to voting for all. Photo I D is not necessary. Counties should be able to set voting</p>

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				sites and hours. HAVA IDs acceptable to request Absentee Ballots. One witness is sufficient and needs to be clearly indicated on envelope. Use of drop box allowed for returns of Absentee Ballot Envelopes.
05/25/2020 03:37 PM	Ms. Margaret Davis	2026 Dartmouth Place, CHARLOTTE, North Carolina 28207	True	<p>Requiring photo ID in 2020, or any year, places an unfair burden on low income and minority voters. It is a blatant move to limit access to voting. No photo ID should be required.</p> <p>Allow more voter registration opportunities by extending the 25-day limit, and allowing online voter registration for other agency clients.</p> <p>Give flexibility back to the counties to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation.</p> <p>Accept HAVA IDs for use in the absentee ballot request application.</p> <p>Require the one-witness requirement be clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope.</p> <p>Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.</p>
05/25/2020 03:37 PM	Mrs Naomi Lambert	2028 Cadenza Lane, Raleigh, NC 27614	True	<p>I am writing as a recent citizen, avid voter and chief judge in my Wake County precinct. While this bill is progress in making absentee ballots more pandemic friendly and sending funds to counties to help with provisions for voting in November, I am concerned about this bill on a few fronts.</p>

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				<p>First, the reintroduction of voter ID goes against the court injunction and threatens to put a barrier in place to reduce in person voting. There is a lot of confusion about the need for ID even amongst the most informed voters. Let's just stick with the rules as they were for the primary.</p> <p>Please allow counties to set their own early voting locations and times. Local boards of elections know the needs of their citizens better than anyone else.</p> <p>Permit the use of HAVA IDS on the absentee ballot request. Amend the absentee ballot envelope to permit one witness.</p> <p>Allow contactless ballot drop boxes.</p> <p>Finally extending voter registration through the end of early voting makes sense, bringing it into line with what can be done at early voting in person.</p> <p>Respectfully, thank you. Naomi Lambert</p>
05/25/2020 03:38 PM	Ms. Meta Coaxum	422 Mangum Court, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28314	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.</p>

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				<p>In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:</p> <p>allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.</p> <p>These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a better shot at avoiding the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus and keep even more of our state's voters safe during the fast-approaching 2020 elections.</p> <p>As a North Carolina voter, can I count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month?</p>

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05/25/2020 03:44 PM	--None-- Morton Barlaz	7909 Vauxhill Dr, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	<p>Thank you.</p> <p>I strongly support all efforts to make it easier to vote safely in consideration of covid-19. We are experiencing an unprecedented public health emergency and we must use good to judgement to facilitate voting. I am personally over 60 and live with one other adult. I support requiring only one witness on absentee ballots. I support making it easy to obtain an absentee ballot. I also support the use of dropbox sites for the secure return of ballots. I also support enforcement of voting laws. The fraud in the 2018 congressional race was discovered and a new, fair election was held.</p>
05/25/2020 03:56 PM	Mr Gary BOOS	35 Consella Way, Franklinton, NC 27525	True	<p>Re: requirement of two witnesses for absentee voting even if you are in a Nursing Home under quarantine. Are you crazy? Remove the requirement of any witnesses if that person is under quarantine. It should be, if it isn't already, a health code violation to enter a quarantine just to get witness signatures. If you disagree with the removal of the requirement you are stating the equivalent of - "The possibility of the person in the nursing home not being who they say they are is worth others risking infection and death." So, a 1 chance in 10,000 of a person voting improperly is worth more a 50% chance of infection and 20% chance of death. Is that what you are</p>

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				saying? If you think so then why don't you go into those nursing home that are under quarantine because of high Covid-19 cases?
05/25/2020 03:57 PM	Dr Nancy Friedman	6 Womble Circle, Durham, NC 27705	True	<p>1. The Voter ID requirement should be removed from the bill. It is discriminatory. So many people do not have easy access to obtain photocopies which satisfy the requirement? Including this in bill is designed to suppress the vote. It needs to go.</p> <p>2. Any legislation should extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration, and provide for online registration more generally, and not just limit it to drivers' license and state ID holders.</p> <p>3. Counties need to have flexibility to make early voting schedules that ensure safe in-person voting based on local needs and conditions.</p> <p>4. The bill should allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.</p> <p>5. The bill should provide prepaid postage for mail-in ballots</p>
05/25/2020 04:05 PM	Ms. Cheryl Forester	7235 Darden Road 224, Wilmington, NC 28411	True	<p>This is an absolute must. When circumstances do not permit a person to go to the voting booth, like during a pandemic, Mail-in voting is a must. I am elderly and have absentee voted for nearly 12 years. I would trust the Postal Service to handle my ballots much quicker than a Trump run voting machine. He has too many shady friends.</p>

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05/25/2020 04:16 PM	Mrs. Marie Ranalli	424 Catamaran Drive, Wilmington, NC 28412	True	It's time for NC to think of it's elderly population and to make absentee voting more accessible - also for college students who have enough turmoil to handle with this virus. Do the right thing. Make it easier to vote, not harder. It is everyones right and duty to vote. Help us to do that.
05/25/2020 04:30 PM	Mrs Carol Nutt	5610 Loblolly Court, Durham, NC 27705	True	I have several concerns about this Bill, as follows: 1) I am against requiring a photo ID in 2020. 2) I am in favor of extending the 25-day limit and allowing online voter registration for other agency clients. 3) I am in favor of the counties being allowed to vary in the hours of operation of their early voting sites. 4) I am in favor that HAVA IDs should be acceptable for use in the absentee ballot request application. 5) I am in favor of not requiring any witnesses, but if there is a one-witness requirement, it should be clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope. 6) I am in favor of allowing the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. Thank you.
05/25/2020 04:31 PM	Mrs Barbara Clouse	6320 Motts Village Rd, wilmington, North Carolina 28412	True	Please support 1169, as no one should have to choose between voting and staying healthy. If the pandemic remains in November--and indications are that it will-- absentee voting will ensure

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				that people can vote safely and without risk to themselves and others.
05/25/2020 04:48 PM	Debbie Hayden	517 5th Ave S Unit B, Kure Beach, NC 28449	True	NO TO MAIL IN BALLOTS!
05/25/2020 05:17 PM	Victoria Jamieson-Drake	6 Sinclair Circle, Durham, NC 27705	True	This is what Needs to be included in the bill: 1.Do not require voter ID 2. Extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration 3. Give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting. 4. Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. 5. Provide pre-paid postage for mail in ballots
05/25/2020 05:17 PM	Victoria Jamieson-Drake	6 Sinclair Circle, Durham, NC 27705	True	This is what Needs to be included in the bill: 1.Do not require voter ID 2. Extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration 3. Give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting. 4. Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. 5. Provide pre-paid postage for mail in ballots
05/25/2020 05:25 PM	9th District Chair James Davis	239 Aggies Lane, Raeford, NC 28376	True	The need for a witness signature in House Bill 1169, should be eliminated by including the contents of Senate Bill 828, "Absentee Ballot Equality."
05/25/2020 05:40 PM	Ms Judy Larrick	645 Settlers In, Kure Beach , NC 28449	True	This bill is critical for absentee and safe elections especially

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				in this time of pandemic. N.C. voters deserve the right for fair and safe elections
05/25/2020 05:47 PM	Ms. Robin Hammond	416 Latimer Road, Raleigh, NC 27609	True	Please delete the requirement for a state-issued ID.
05/25/2020 06:13 PM	1959 Melinda Thompson	309 Devonhall Ln, Cary, NC 27518	True	Given COVID-19 and CDC social distancing guidelines it is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT that NC have a robust vote by mail effort for the national election in November. The population is sick and tired of partisan games and gerrymandering so you guys can keep your jobs. The vast majority of North Carolinians wants fair and free elections. We DO NOT WANT to have to make a choice between risking our lives and exercising our constitutional right to vote.
05/25/2020 07:01 PM	MS Ruth H Groh	309 GRANVILLE RD, CHAPEL HILL, North Carolina 27514	True	I am concerned that HB 1169 adds a photo ID requirement for voting in 2020. While it is essential to correctly identify registered voters, a photo ID is not necessary to verify identity. We need well-trained poll workers who can use established methods of verifying identities. Obtaining a photo ID is a barrier to voting for non-drivers and other persons without such identification. Please remove that condition from HB 1169
05/25/2020 07:27 PM	Ms Marian Lewin	205 Waterford Park Ln, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	The League of Women Voters of North Carolina commends the group of bipartisan members of the NC House who introduced HB1169. It is essential that our lawmakers come together to address the voting access challenges that have been created by COVID

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				<p>19. Lawmakers must do everything possible to ensure the safety and security of voting in the November presidential election. Voters need confidence that this election will be safe and secure. HB 1169 offers important changes to the voting process as well as needed additional funding. Additional changes are still needed to allow greater access to voter registration options, early voting hours flexibility and a safe option to return completed ballots in secure, contactless drop boxes. These necessary adjustments must not be accompanied by a photo ID requirement for in person voting. This change must be removed from any efforts to respond to the coronavirus pandemic.</p>
05/25/2020 07:33 PM	Mrs. Sandra Dangler	6517 Truxton LN, Raleigh, NC 27616	True	<p>Please consider the following when voting for House Bill 1169:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not demand an ID. This harms our poorer citizens who have never owned a car, take public transit, those who are handicapped and seldom leave their houses and new voters who do not have their drivers' licences. 2. Extend the early voting and allow for same day registration for mail-in voters. 3. Allow counties the flexibility to set Early Voting hours and locations. 4. Require only one witness on the Absentee Ballot. Many of us older citizens are

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				<p>quarantined with our spouses and no one else.</p> <p>5. Allow for contactless dropboxes for ballots</p> <p>6. Provide postage-paid return envelopes for absentee ballots. I have not been to a Post Office since quarantine.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Sincerely, Sandra Dangler</p>
05/25/2020 07:47 PM	Ms Vickie Atkinson	361 Wild Ginger Rdg, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-9302	True	<p>The House Elections and Ethics Committee needs to make amendments to HB 1169 immediately.</p> <p>We do NOT need photo ID in 2020. This would complicate voting in already complicated times.</p> <p>Extend mail-in and online voter registration deadlines,</p> <p>Accept HAVA (Help America Vote Act) IDs (such as a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck) in the absentee ballot request form.</p> <p>Give flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.</p> <p>Require the one-witness requirement to be clearly indicated on the absentee ballot container-return envelope. Make sure voters understand only one witness is needed.</p> <p>Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for absentee ballot container-return envelopes.</p>
05/25/2020 08:07 PM	Ms Kathryn Gavaghan	2401 Canonbie Ln, Wake Forest, North Carolina 27587-8765	True	<p>Please eliminate the photo ID requirement. This has already been before the courts.</p> <p>Instead, accept HAVA (Help America Vote Act) IDs (utility</p>

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				bill, bank statement or paycheck) in the absentee ballot request form.
				Extend the mail-in and online voter registration deadlines, and give flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.
				Require the one-witness requirement to be clearly indicated on the absentee ballot container-return envelope.
				Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for absentee ballot container-return envelopes.
05/25/2020 08:10 PM	Mr. Charles Mason	185 N. Mason Way, Hendersonville, North Carolina 28792	True	I am fully in support of the changes recommended by the League of Women Voters. I especially like the ability for contactless voting. I strongly oppose the requirement for a notary republic to witness a person's vote. If a witness is required, one should be plenty. A minimum of 25 days in advance seems to be unnecessary unless the registration process is way slower than it should be.
05/25/2020 08:15 PM	Ms. Isabel Geffner	1401 Arboretum Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	To ALL the members of the North Carolina General Assembly: I am writing to implore you to amend and expand HB 1169 -- with the deeply held conviction that the elections of 2020 must be open, fair, easily accessible, and safe. In the face of COVID-19 and as a

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				<p>senior citizen of this state, I am deeply concerned that we ensure the ability of everyone in our state to vote in this important election. So much is at stake -- most especially the health of our electorate.</p> <p>I ask you to make these amendments to the issues regarding absentee ballots:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accept HAVA (Help America Vote Act) IDs (such as a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck) in the absentee ballot request form. 2. Make sure that the requirement for one-witness is CLEARLY indicated on the absentee ballot container-return envelope. 3. Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for absentee ballot container-return envelopes. <p>In addition, I implore you to make these provisions in the law:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do NOT require photo ID for the 2020 election. 2. Extend mail-in and online voter registration deadlines. 3. Give counties the flexibility to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. <p>Submitted respectfully, Isabel Geffner</p>
05/25/2020 08:22 PM	Dr Wendy Greene	102 Hunters Ridge Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	<p>This bill does many good things. Please improve it even further by returning local control to counties to create the best early voting for them. Also you need to accept Help</p>

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				America Vote IDs for absentee ballots.
05/25/2020 08:24 PM	Dr. Irene Skowronek	7115 Kobold Lane, Durham, NC 27707	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.</p> <p>In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:</p> <p>allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.</p> <p>These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a</p>

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05/25/2020 08:24 PM	Linda Brinkley	4008 Cardigan Place, Raleigh, NC 27609	True	<p>I would like the NCGA to add postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE, making sure that votes are counted</p> <p>Please set up drop box sites set up so that voters can securely drop off a completed ballot in case the mail systems are overwhelmed. or not able to timely deliver ballots to BOE by election day. Dropbox sites have worked well in other states, and I believe it is time for NC to use this tool to expand the ways for voters to use absentee ballots successfully.</p>
05/25/2020 08:29 PM	Joanne Durham	Po Box 452, Kure Beach, NC 28449-0452	True	<p>Please pass this bill quickly. No American should have to choose between our safety/ health and our right to vote. Yet the potential for voting to be a health risk for many of us in November with the continuation of Covid 19 means we could be faced with exactly that choice. Mail-in voting needs to be easily</p>

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				available to every voter, and your bill will help. Also the funds are essential so that the BOE can process all the ballots effectively, and tracking is important so people know that their ballot has been received and if there is any problem, they can correct it.
05/25/2020 08:32 PM	Ms. Debbera Carson	906 W Trinity Ave #9, Durham, NC 27701	True	I am writing to urge the Committee to amend this bill. North Carolina voters need your support to help all registered voters to vote safely this year. First, we need to eliminate photo ID for 2020. Second we need to extend mail-in and online voter registration deadlines. Third, in absentee request forms, we need to accept HAVA IDs. Fourth, we need to give flexibility back to counties for making decisions on their early voting plans. Fifth, we need to have clearly indicated on the absentee container-return envelope that only once witness is required. Finally, we need to have drop-boxes available to return absentee ballots.
05/25/2020 08:47 PM	Mrs Marylou Lofrese	22002 Turner, Chapel Hill, Nc 27517	True	The ID proposal should be removed.
05/25/2020 08:58 PM	Shayne Klein	1503 Tyler Court, Durham, NC 27701	True	House Elections and Ethics Committee Members: With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at

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05/25/2020 09:15 PM	Mrs. Beth Cleaveland	418 Hamlet Ave. , Carolina Beach, NC 28428	True	YES to House Bill #1169!!
05/25/2020 09:57 PM	Dr. Brenda Lazarus	102 Gadwall Lane, Durham, NC 27703	True	<p>Please, make voting safe and fair for ALL NC voters in the fall election. Many other states are allowing Voting by absentee ballot since so many of us may still be feeling vulnerable in November. I am in the senior citizen category and I do not relish having to stand in line in a large public space. I have been trying to call the DMV for 3 weeks and they are not taking appointments or even answering the phones. I finally renewed my license by mail and the voter registration was attached to it. I will have to pay again to get the Real ID as it can't be done online, but my license expires before I may even be able to get a call in to the DMV. I cringe to think how attaching a new requirement for Voter ID to this bill is going to help people feel safe at the polls. The title of this bill says it all ..."IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC". ALL legal voters must be able to safely vote in the 2020 elections. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!!!! Important provisions for safe in-person voting and voting by mail are critical and must be addressed immediately. Inserting a requirement for Voter Identification at the poles has NOTHING to do with responding to this pandemic.</p>

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				The inclusion of this controversial provision will only delay what should be a non-partisan response to our unusual times. The requirement for VOTER ID should immediately be REMOVED from this bill.
05/25/2020 10:15 PM	Arthur Curry	1202 Hummingbird Lane 2, Wilmington , NC 28411	True	I am a Vietnam veteran and as a result have diabetic and being treated for prostate cancer. My wife has CLL which has destroyed her immune system. We have always voted in person; however, we can not afford to take such a risk this year and vote in person. I am requesting your support for HB 1169.
05/25/2020 10:24 PM	Mrs. Jackie Beecher	30099 Baxter House , Chapel Hill, NORTH CAROLINA 27517	True	For safety and expedience, every registered Voter should be mailed a ballot to fill out and mail in to promote social distancing in the time of pandemic.
05/25/2020 10:30 PM	Ms. Lillian Spiller	1206 Hill Street, Durham, NC 27707	True	One of the foundations our country is built on is the right to vote. The more people who vote the more we have the right to call the US a democracy. So let's make it easier to vote, let's get more people to vote, let's remove obstacles to voting!! Please pass HB 1169.
05/25/2020 10:38 PM	Ms Chris Chato	911 Carpenter Fletcher Rd, durham, NC 27713	True	Please expand HB1169 with measures that: - allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines - broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or

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05/25/2020 10:40 PM	Mrs. Jackie Beecher	30099 Baxter, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27517	True	For the sake of time and convenience in the era of pandemic , ballots should be mailed to all registered voters without the extra need for ID, may be difficult to obtain for some.
05/25/2020 11:02 PM	Dr. Carolyn Lyons	7902 Fairmeadows Dr, Charlotte, NC 28269	True	I am firmly AGAINST requiring photo id in 2020.
05/25/2020 11:38 PM	Ms Mary Ann Osterbrink	500 Cobb St 317, Durham, North Carolina 27701	True	One-signature, easier ways to obtain ballot, readying help for LIVE voting in cse seniors cannot work the polls all the things that are smartly anticipated to be problems ahead can avoid them happening so that we can have calm and clean elections because computers cannot be trusted for this only right we have left!
05/26/2020 12:02 AM	Ziva Raney	8 Aman Court, Durham, NORTH CAROLINA (NC) 27713	True	No voter ID should be required - this has already been address by two separate courts. We must ensure all North Carolinian have every opportunity to vote safely in the midst of this pandemic crisis. Extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration Give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting. Allow the option of contactless drop box returns

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				for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. Consider Providing pre-paid postage for mail in ballots
05/26/2020 05:04 AM	Elayne Bernstein	2701 PICKETT ROAD APT 4048, Durham, NC 27705	True	Inserting a requirement for Voter Identification at the poles has NOTHING to do with responding to this pandemic. The inclusion of this controversial provision will only delay what should be a non-partisan response to our unusual times. The requirement for VOTER ID should immediately be REMOVED from this bill.
05/26/2020 05:52 AM	Renee Wells	1009 Summerlin Falls Ct., Wilmington, NC 28412	True	I support this bill and ask that you please vote in favor of the bill.
05/26/2020 06:38 AM	Peter Witt	112 Cardiff Pl, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	Inclusion of an ID requirement is irrelevant to the purpose of this bill. I n fact, it's counterproductive. Please take it out.
05/26/2020 06:42 AM	Barb Schwartz	2621 Walker Ave, Greensboro , NC 27403	True	To whom it may concern, Regarding our election in November 2020, please clarify the language about what is needed or not needed as a photo ID, for example, add the acceptance of the Help America Vote Act IDs (such as a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck) in the absentee ballot request form, extend mail-in and online voter registration deadlines so that EVERY VOTE WILL COUNT (why wouldn't you want every vote counted?), and bring back more early voting days for more fair elections that better serve our communities. Why wouldn't you want to give

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				everyone a fair and equal opportunity to vote, our only means of preserving our democracy (with a small "d")? Thank you for listening, Barb Schwartz
05/26/2020 07:12 AM	Clara Dodd	10314 OLD CAROLINA DR, Charlotte, NC 28214	True	Let's get this done. Nothing is more critical than expanding times, places, methods of voting and registering to vote. This is real freedom where the right to vote is enabled and encouraged for all.
05/26/2020 07:13 AM	Mr Joy Beckett	118 LEEWARD CT, Kure Beach, NC 28449-4825	True	Mail ballots out like the 2020 Census. People can return by mail or submit with phone or PC. It was very important and easy. I got a follow-up reminder too.
05/26/2020 07:26 AM	Ms Nancy Dilger	9336 Hometown Drive, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	Thank you for continuing to work on HB1169 to improve voting rights for all North Carolinians. I am a Poll Judge and specialize in helping NC voters at the Help Table each election. I typically vote absentee as is recommended by the NCSBE for all Poll officials. Making absentee ballots more accessible for NC voters is crucial. The one election there were Photo Id's required, it cost the state so much additional funding and manpower for next to no fraud. It suppressed the vote of many upstanding citizens that vote in my North Raleigh precinct and across the state. Please consider editing HB1169 with the following points: NO photo ID! Extend the voter registration deadline to go through the end

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				<p>of the Early Voting period, instead of the current cut-off which is 25 days before an election. While same day registration during early voting is available for in-person voting, this needs to be extended for mail-in voting options. Now that the NCSBE has offered online voter registration, there is no need for an earlier cut-off. Allow counties the flexibility to set Early Voting hours and locations to reflect their unique needs, instead of the current statewide mandated rules.</p> <p>HAVA IDs should be acceptable for use in the absentee ballot request application, in lieu of the last four digits of SSN, driver's license, or special ID card. Require the one-witness requirement to be clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope. (to replace the current two witness requirement)</p> <p>Allow the option of contactless dropbox returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.</p> <p>Provide postage-paid return envelopes for mail-in (absentee) ballots.</p> <p>Thank you, Nancy B Dilger</p>
05/26/2020 07:27 AM	Elizabeth Kawabata	142 Old Piedmont Circle, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill</p>

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05/26/2020 07:32 AM	Ms. Dena Papazoglou	216 Cobblestone Dr, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	<p>To the Elections and Ethics Law Committee:</p> <p>I ask that you expand HB1169 with measures that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, - broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck), and - expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. <p>Very Respectfully, Dena Papazoglou</p>
05/26/2020 07:46 AM	Mrs Diane Heslin	112 Thistle Drive, Youngsville, NC 27596	True	<p>I would like to vote by mail. Please supply me with a form to do this. Please make this a priority for North Carolina voters. Do not let Mr. Trump to dictate that this is illegal. It's our responsibility to vote and the United States Constitution States it is our right. Thank you for acknowledging the law.</p>
05/26/2020 07:51 AM	Ms Suzi Leonard	295 Plato Pl, Etowah, NC 28729	True	<p>Studies have proven that voting by mail increases voter participation by BOTH parties in the SAME PROPORTIONS. This IS NOT a partisan issue. Safety and health should not</p>

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				<p>be either for ourselves and our neighbors should not be either. There are states that allow voting by personal computer--an even simpler method, though it would most benefit those who own computers and have reliable connectivity. If North Carolina Board of Elections starts today, they could mail numbered ballots to every registered voter and track that ballot through it's return, as they currently do with Absentee votes. Much of this could be automated and would offer protection not just to us voters but to the Board's personnel throughout the State. It's common sense for the common good in a time of uncommon issues.</p>
05/26/2020 07:56 AM	Mrs. Emily Larsen	7644 Matherly Dr, Wake Forest, NC 27587	True	<p>Please make NC citizens proud and expand access to voting this Fall. Our current requirements for submitting a mail in ballot are ridiculous. We should be making it easier for people to vote, especially this year! Please extend mail-in and online deadlines and let voters use easy forms of ID like a utility bill, paycheck or bank statement. Allow counties to make Early Voting plans that work best for their community. The images we have in other states seen of long lines show just how important it is to plan ahead and ensure voting is easily accessible for all. Please stand up for your citizens and do whatever you can to make sure our voices are heard!</p>

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05/26/2020 08:08 AM	Ms. Katie Leiva	511 S Mangum St Apt 1100, Durham, NC 27701	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.</p> <p>In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:</p> <p>allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a</p>

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05/26/2020 08:10 AM	Ms. Nicole Powell	8905 Castleberry Rd, Apex, NC 27523-6761	True	<p>Voting is our democratic right. It is, therefore, necessary to ensure that this November everyone has equal access to a ballot regardless of the pandemic. Therefore we need to ensure that people can feel safe while voting. This includes: allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID),</p>

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				<p>and expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.</p> <p>It is VITAL for North Carolina to make sure that we allow people to feel safe while voting and encouraged to participate. Please make sure this is possible, Thank you so much for your time.</p>
05/26/2020 08:16 AM	Leila Lewis	424 Banks Street, Greensboro, NC 27401	True	<p>Nicole</p> <p>MAT teams: Section 2(b) – by August 1, SBOE and DHHS shall submit a report to legislature and governor about how MAT teams can safely access a health facility, nursing home or rest home to help voters request, vote and return an absentee ballot. I would be very happy to participate in MAT for my county and the surrounding counties. Could you allow registered voters to get trained and do this work across county lines? Specifically for incarcerated voters, I want to be sure that their access is not erased if visitation is not an option. Could you expand the recruitment for MAT members and also allow MAT to participate in assisting voters while in jail.</p>
05/26/2020 08:20 AM			True	<p>Witness printed name information should be a required element for all elections not just temporary</p>

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				<p>for 2020. Amend GS 163-229(b) 3 to include witness printed name information in addition to signature and address.</p> <p>(3) A space for the identification of the two persons witnessing the casting of the absentee ballot in accordance with G.S. 163-231, those persons' "printed name", signatures, and those persons' addresses.</p>
05/26/2020 08:31 AM	Mr Thomas Sapp Jr	302 NE 45th St, Oak Island, NC 28465-5331	True	<p>I believe that HB 1169 contains some needed reforms to the absentee ballot process, including but not limited to, more voter registration opportunities, giving counties needed local flexibility for their voters on hours and days of voting, change the witness requirement on the return envelope to allow for one witness, and allow for contact free drop box returns of absentee ballots. Postage for ballots should also be provided to those rural voters who have limited abilities to get a ballot to their Board of Elections. We should, in North Carolina, provide as much access as possible in a safe and efficient manner. However the section of this bill that involves voter ID should be discarded and this issue should be left to the courts . There is no reason to pack this bill with an issue that does not promote health and safety for the voters in N.C.</p>
05/26/2020 08:35 AM	Robert Leker	4812 Latimer Road, Raleigh, NC 27609	True	<p>I am very concerned that voting in the upcoming</p>

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05/26/2020 08:36 AM	Ms Mia Goetz	4108 Randall Parkway Unit 2H, Wilmington, Nc 28493	True	I am 26 years old and need a way to safely vote by mail from home. I also don't have two other adults living in my house. I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill will make mail voting easier, safe and secure.
05/26/2020 08:40 AM	Reverend Susan Gladin	116 E. Union Street, Hillsborough, North Carolina 27278	True	<p>The courts have already struck down the voter i.d. requirement. STOP trying to sneak that in again and put us through the courts again! No voter ID should be required, the courts have said NO!</p> <p>Also,</p> <p>Extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration</p> <p>Give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting.</p>

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05/26/2020 08:51 AM	Joanne Donaton	30099 Village Park Drive, CHAPEL HILL, NC 27517	True	<p>It is imperative that all legal voters be able to safely vote in the 2020 elections.</p> <p>Provisions for safe in-person voting and voting by mail are critical and must be addressed immediately.</p> <p>Inserting a requirement for Voter Identification at the poles has absolutely not to do with responding to this pandemic. The inclusion of this controversial provision will only delay what should be a non-partisan response to our unusual times. Please remove the requirement for voter ID from this bill. It is unnecessary and harmful.</p>
05/26/2020 09:04 AM	Mrs Natasha Goldstein	108 Shadow Ridge Place, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	<p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.</p> <p>In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal</p>

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05/26/2020 09:04 AM	Ms. Resa Baudoin	1517 Lansdale Drive Unit A, Charlotte, NC 28205	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our</p>

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05/26/2020 09:06 AM	MAUREEN JOHNSON	2701 PICKETT ROAD 3038, DURHAM, ND 27705	True	<p>The title of this bill says it all ..."IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC". ALL legal voters must be able to safely vote in the 2020 elections. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!!!! Important provisions for safe in-person voting and voting by mail are critical and must be addressed immediately. Inserting a requirement for Voter Identification at the poles has NOTHING to do with responding to this pandemic. The inclusion of this controversial provision will only delay what should be a non-partisan response to our unusual times. The requirement for VOTER ID should immediately be REMOVED from this bill.</p>
05/26/2020 09:21 AM	Mr Benjamin Donnelly	2964 Friendship Rd, Durham, NC 27705	True	<p>Why would we want to make it harder to vote when we've already got sufficient checks on who shows up at the polls? Let's let the public choose their leaders, not let the leaders choose their voters.</p>
05/26/2020 09:30 AM	Ms Julie McIntyre	117 Polks Landing rd , Chapel Hill , NC 27516	True	<p>Please consider the following in general but especially in times of Covid-19. Make voting possible for those who may not have a photo ID but have other identifying paperwork, utility bills, paycheck stubs, school or</p>

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				<p>work ID's. Extend mail- in and on-line voter registration deadlines. Accept Help America Vote Act in absentee ballot request form, CLEARLY INDICATE one-witness requirement on absentee ballot envelope and allow option of contactless drop box returns.</p> <p>These are difficult times in an important election year. Please don't make things harder for people to voice their choice of candidates. Use your power to allow fairness.</p>
05/26/2020 09:32 AM	The Reverend MARJORIE LAIN MARSH	129 Strawbridge Ct, ASHEVILLE, NC 28803	True	<p>Please ensure this bill does NOT require photo IDs in 2020. Allow more voter registration opportunities by extending the 25-day limit and allowing on-line registration. Let counties decide the appropriate hours for early voting in their counties. The law also needs to clearly state the one-witness requirement on the Absentee Ballot Containers Envelope. Contactless drop boxes are needed for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. All these are needed to be sure all eligible voters can vote during these uncertain times.</p>
05/26/2020 09:32 AM	Shawn Chapla	524 Clarenbridge Dr., Cary, North Carolina 27519	True	<p>While HB 1169 is a modest step in the right direction of making our democracy work for everyone, it does not go far enough. Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - photo ID for voting is not yet settled law, so remove all references to it in this bill. - extend the deadlines for both voter registration and mail-in ballots.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - allow local election boards to decide how to implement early voting in the ways which work best for their residents. - make it absolutely clear that only one witness is required for absentee ballot forms. - expand the options for returning absentee ballots such as secure contactless drop-box locations. <p>For our democracy to remain healthy, we must do everything we can to expand voting participation, not restrict it.</p>
05/26/2020 09:41 AM	Ms. Aleta Tisdale	219 Hiwassee Rd, Lake Toxaway, North Carolina 28747	True	Make voting safe and accessible. Pass this bill.
05/26/2020 09:49 AM	Ms Martha Grice	112 Shady Spring Pl, Durham, NC 27713	True	<p>I strenuously object to the inclusion of a requirement of approved VOTER ID in this bill. Such a requirement has absolutely nothing to do with "response to COVID-19 epidemic" and everything to do with a partisan attempt to delay passage of this bill. Now is not the time to pursue divisive actions. Now is the time to rise above partisan politics to pass legislation that will benefit those most suffering from this epidemic. Let us make voting simpler and safer for everyone, following the lead of those states that have successfully demonstrated the safe and sound practice of voting by mail, without obstructive and onerous voter ID requirements.</p>
05/26/2020 09:49 AM	Adam Masiarek	422 Halls Mill Dr, Cary, NC 27519	True	<p>Please make voting easier during the Pandemic. How about sending the ballot</p>

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				<p>vote directly to all registered voters?</p> <p>Reduce vote-by-mail witness requirements (again ideally , just send the ballot form to all registered voters, or make it really easy to get the ballot form - online , enter your drivers licence number - click YES, i want to vote from home and done ...).</p> <p>- allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines,</p> <p>- how about allowing voters to use a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck and expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines (!!!) by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.</p> <p>The changes will allow North Carolina voters to avoid the mistakes of other states that exposed voters to the coronavirus and keep voters safe during 2020 elections.</p> <p>Please support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters!</p>
05/26/2020 09:50 AM	Ms Karen McCall	204 Westbury Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 1169. In order for our American democracy to continue to thrive, it is essential that this bill contains the following:</p> <p>No voter ID should be required and that mail in and online dealings for voter registration should be extended. Counties</p>

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				<p>should also be given the flexibility they need to make early voting schedules to best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting. We should also provide the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes along with pre-paid postage for mail in ballots.</p> <p>Sincerely, Karen McCall</p>
05/26/2020 09:57 AM	Dr. David Baker	274 Beckingham Loop, Cary, NC 27519	True	<p>In order to facilitate our basic right of voting please take the following steps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •eliminate the photo id requirement. •allow more registration options and reduce deadlines •allow counties flexibility in setting voting hours •accept HAVA ids •require the one witness requirement to be highly visible on the container envelope •allow contactless dropboxes for Absentee Ballot Envelopes <p>Be aware that we the electorate are sensitive to voter suppression schemes and will hold perpetrators accountable</p>
05/26/2020 09:59 AM	Mrs Mary Snead	101 southeast 20th Street, Oak Island, NC 28465	True	<p>Photo ID should NOT be required. Postage paid envelopes should be added to HB 1169.</p>
05/26/2020 10:01 AM	Mrs. Kathleen Lohr	30086 Britt, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	<p>This bill in theory addresses the special circumstances relating to COVID-19 that are expected to affect the 2020 elections, and it is relatively clear about steps people can</p>

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				<p>and should take to request and submit an absentee ballot. However, clearly somebody is hijacking a needed bill to introduce a completely extraneous requirement, namely a photo Voter ID. I am appalled by, although not much surprised, that such a controversial issue would be stuck into the middle (Section 10 it would seem) of a "one-time" bill to address a significant challenge for many people to be able to vote in the midst of the pandemic -- especially because we can expect it to recur in tandem with the regular influenza season in the late fall and winter. Sneaking in the Voter ID requirement places a burden on many potential voters -- those who do not have such an ID already and perhaps cannot get one because so many government offices are closed, those who may be unable to try to get to a relevant office because of transportation or other barriers, those who may not be able to bear the cost because more salient human needs have to be met first (such as food, housing, or medicine). I say SHAME on the members of the legislature who thought they could get away with such a sneaky, hostile maneuver; by doing so, they show that they truly do not care one whit about everybody's right to vote in the 2020 elections.</p>
05/26/2020 10:02 AM	dr brian hare	1702 Old Oxford Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	No voter ID should be required Extend mail-in and online

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				deadlines for voter registration Give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting.
05/26/2020 10:10 AM	Ms. Marla Dorrel	803 Queensferry Rd, Cary, NC 27511	True	My husband and I, like so many North Carolinians, are at-risk for COVID-19; ages 68 and 75, and he is undergoing chemotherapy, which comprises his immune system. We are active voters, but are concerned about our safety and that of others at this year's General Election. We are also concerned that, without proper precautions and stay-at-home alternatives, voter participation will be negatively impacted. I support HB 1169, but believe it should be amended to better protect voters. Please amend to extend deadlines for mail-in and online registration; for mail-in requests, allow voters to use IDs like utility bill, bank statement or government-issued ID to access ballots; and give flexibility to counties to develop early voting plans that best serve local communities. I hope we can count on you to increase voter safety and encourage voter turnout by amending HB 1169 in the manner I have suggested. We can, and should, do more - now. Thank you for your careful consideration.
05/26/2020 10:10 AM	Carolyn White	300 Tripp Farm Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	I would like to see voting become easier rather than harder, especially with the pandemic. I am opposed to

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05/26/2020 10:11 AM	Dr Susan Sinclair	133 sixth Ave. 133 sixth Ave., Kure Beach, NC 28449	True	<p>No one should have to choose between safety/health and exercising our right to vote. With the pandemic, it may not be safe for every voter to vote in person.</p> <p>Regulations currently making it difficult to get an absentee ballot and use it need to be changed.</p> <p>I support having only 1 witness, being able to send in my absentee ballot request online or by fax instead of only by mail or in person.</p> <p>I support a system for being able to track that my absentee ballot has been received and if there are any problems, being given the chance to fix them.</p> <p>We can't rely on the older retired people to be poll workers when their health is put at risk by doing so. I support allowing people outside the precinct to serve as poll workers.</p>
05/26/2020 10:12 AM	Nyra Hill	1912 Billabong Ln, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27516	True	<p>Please include these points when considering this Billabong Lane:</p> <p>No voter ID should be required</p> <p>Extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration</p> <p>Give flexibility back to the</p>

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				<p>counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting.</p> <p>Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.</p> <p>Provide pre-paid postage for mail in ballots</p>
05/26/2020 10:13 AM	Ms. Mary Goodkind	23 Ridgefield Pl, Biltmore Forest, NC 28803	True	<p>Please amend HB1169 in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Eliminate photo ID requirement * Extend deadlines for voter registration * Give county Boards of Election the flexibility to manage early voting in ways that match the needs of their own counties, * Include funds to provide contactless drop box returns for absentee ballots.
05/26/2020 10:23 AM	Mike Fishbach	694 lower Browns Cr., Burnsville, NC 28714	True	<p>All voting laws should allow more people to vote, they need to be carefully worded and NEVER make it difficult for those that are poor and disenfranchised to have a more difficult or impossible time in voting their conscience.</p>
05/26/2020 10:25 AM	Mx. Leonard Davis	3309 Oriskony Way, Durham, North Carolina 27703	True	<p>Specifically for incarcerated voters, I want to be sure that their access is not erased if visitation is not an option. Could you expand the recruitment for MAT members and also allow MAT to participate in assisting voters while in jail.</p>
05/26/2020 10:35 AM	Phillip Hinson	1108 Martha Dr., Monroe, NC 28112	True	<p>In reference to Section 5 concerning valid types of written requests for an</p>

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				<p>absentee ballot, a provision prohibiting the mailing of prefilled absentee requests should be considered. Making blank requests forms available to be reproduced may lend itself to this activity. In past elections, various interest groups have used registration lists to produce prefilled absentee request forms that are mailed to voters which lack only a voter's signature. Many of these voters do not carefully read the form to understand that it is actually an absentee request form. Seeing a form that is prefilled and has states something to the effect of "please sign and mail this form to vote" leads voters to believe that they are required to sign the form and mail it in. The county board of elections office is then inundated with these prefilled request forms from voters who would ordinarily not request an absentee ballot, putting unnecessary stress on offices who are not equipped to handle this artificial surge in requests. This problem will be amplified by the expected increase in legitimate absentee requests for the November 2020 election. County board of election offices then mail the requester an absentee ballot. Many of the prefilled requesters do not expect nor do they want a ballot mailed to them, resulting in calls to the county board office stating the same. When this happens, many voters decide to vote in person</p>

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				<p>meaning that a blank ballot and application are out in the public's hands. This lends itself to possible fraud. In the event that no fraud is committed, the optics of scores of absentee ballots not being returned give election security critics as well as the general voting public reason to question results. Legislators and boards of elections need to do all they can to bolster the public's in our nations elections process.</p> <p>Phillip Hinson 5/26/20</p>
05/26/2020 10:43 AM	Susan Vebber	10525 Leslie Dr, Raleigh, North Carolina 27615	True	<p>This is a back handed and manipulative way to seek photo id. Please let the courts handle this. Please allow counties to set their own voting requirements and times. Please allow HAVA IDs as acceptable for use in the absentee ballot request application, in lieu of the last four digits of SSN, driver's license, or special ID card</p>
05/26/2020 10:48 AM	Jessica Gladdek	811 Lipscomb Grove Ch Rd, Hillsborough, NC 27278	True	<p>I am writing to request that: No voter ID should be required Extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration Give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting. Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. Provide pre-paid postage for mail in ballots</p>
05/26/2020 10:51 AM	Pamela Stephens	407 Rockgarden Road, Chapel	True	To the House Elections and

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		Hill, NC 27516		<p>Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>I am writing to you because I am concerned about the proposed election relief bill House Bill 1169 as it currently stands. While the bill has some good features - relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, it simply does not go far enough in helping to ensure the safety of North Carolina citizens.</p> <p>Additional provisions that make it easier for voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • facilitating voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, • allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and • expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. <p>As a worried North Carolina voter, I urge you to amend HB-1169's to expand protections for our citizens. Thank you.</p> <p>Pamela Stephens</p>
05/26/2020 10:51 AM	Ms. Carolyn McCorkle	7929 Country Lakes Rd.,	True	I am 72 yrs. old and have

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		Wilmington, NC 28411		COPD , but I have voted in every election since 1968! I believe in North Carolina we should have the right to vote without worry.
05/26/2020 10:56 AM	Ms Patsy Poston	150 Quail Hollow Dr., Kings Mountain, NC 28086	True	Please remove any requirement that a voter show photo identification before veing able to cast a ballot. Ensure that this bill makes it EASIER, not more difficult, for all eligible citizens to vote.
05/26/2020 11:06 AM	Ms. Dana Jennings	2533 York Road, RALEIGH, NC 27608	True	Over the last seven years I have worked on election day, both indoors as paid staff, and outdoors, answering questions about voting and sharing literature. With the current pandemic, I think it is imperative that we plan for the worst case scenario - another outbreak - for this fall. With that in mind I believe providing pre-paid absentee ballot return envelopes, a contactless dropbox for completed absentee ballots, and making the one witness requirement on the absentee ballot prominent. Haven't we already handled the Voter ID issue with a recent court ruling? I am not in support of Voter Id requirements and do not want them to be supported in any way by this legislation. Dana
05/26/2020 11:06 AM	Franky Hemby Echols	wendell, 27591	True	It's imperative to have a bipartisan bill will make mail voting easier, flexible, and SAFE. Especially for +65, the absentee / mail in ballots need to be secure but a little easier in ref to instructions, larger fonts, witnesses,etc. Another idea is to use postage paid envelopes. Make

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				sure we have flexible & convenient early voting. OH, the older folks prob don't want to risk being poll wrkrs so we need to train younger folks now! How about SECURE dropboxes for ballots? Please implement actions to make sure ALL eligible NC voters are heard. PLEASE and thank you.
05/26/2020 11:08 AM	Mrs. Jan Stocklinski	1403 N. Middleton dr NW, Calabash, NC 28467	True	During these times of so much uncertainty and to make sure that arrangements are made for all eligible voters in NC to be able to participate in the Democratic process of voting, I urge you all to vote in favor of House Bill 1169 Elections 2020... Sincerely, Jan Stocklinski Brunswick County
05/26/2020 11:10 AM	Mr Alan Katzer	2700 reynolda rd 1202, Winston-salem, NC 27106	True	No comment
05/26/2020 11:11 AM	Gayle Anderson	2008 Faculty Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106	True	Please support this bill make it easier and safer for us to vote. Thank you.
05/26/2020 11:11 AM	Ms BONNIE MONTELEONE	4210 wilshire blvd 304b, wilmingon, NC 28403	True	No voter ID should be required Extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration Give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting. Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. Provide pre-paid postage for mail in ballots
05/26/2020 11:11 AM	Mrs Dolores Patterson	95 River Rock Way, Franklinton, NC 27525	True	I am 73 years old and need a way to safely vote by mail from home. I also have many medical conditions that make

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05/26/2020 11:12 AM	Ms Linda Sweeney	712 Tranquil Sound Drive, Cary, NC 27519-6408	True	Please pass this bill. It will allow more to vote safely and save us money. Voting by mail has to be cheaper than polling places.
05/26/2020 11:13 AM	Sarah & Jim Clotfelter	4100 Angelica Lane, Greensboro, North Carolina 27410	True	Protecting the right to vote, and to vote safely, should be one of the highest responsibilities of government. We strongly support this bill, & would support any amendments that increased access & options for voters.
05/26/2020 11:13 AM	Dr Elizabeth Keiser	802 North Fork Rd, Black Mountain, NC 29711	True	Access to the polls in November is too uncertain for many of us elders, given the threat Covid19 may continue to pose to our lives. Please make it easier for voters to cast ballots by mail! Every voice should be counted in every election!
05/26/2020 11:13 AM	Ms. Ina Stern	422 Waterside Drive, Carrboro, NC 27510	True	As a citizen of the state of NC I believe that: No voter ID should be required. That we MUST extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration to ensure that all eligible residents can vote. That we give flexibility back to

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				the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting. That NC must allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes and provide pre-paid postage for mail in ballots
05/26/2020 11:13 AM	Mr. Michael Case	600 W. Main St. 507, Durham, NC 27701	True	HB 1169 is a very important first step to making sure the November 2020 election is not only fair, but safe and accessible to all voters as well. It is also an important first step in modernizing voting for the 21st century.
05/26/2020 11:14 AM	Mr Bruce Frey	103 Pine Lake Dr, Monroe, North Carolina 28110	True	We need to take measures to keep voters safe during the election. No one knows how widespread the virus will be next fall.
05/26/2020 11:14 AM	Ms Ann McBeth	PO ;418, Swansboro , NC 28584	True	Pass this bill please!
05/26/2020 11:14 AM	Rev. Linda Veltheim	8350 Cooksville Rd, Vale, NC 28168	True	I believe this bill is an important first step to making sure the November election is fair, safe and accessible to all voters. We should become one of the states that ensures Safe voting rights for all during this time of pandemic. Please consider your citizenry and moral obligations to your constituents. Thank you.
05/26/2020 11:14 AM	Ms Evelyn Moody	1910 Peale terrace D, Greensboro d, North Carolina 27407	True	Please pass this bill so elders can vote like me because I am sheltering in place. We are not equipped to go out to vote
05/26/2020 11:15 AM	mr and mrs Russ and Jan Watkins	257 Wax Myrtle Trail, Southern Shores, NC 27949	True	We need to pass this bill. All people should have access to vote in the coming elections.

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05/26/2020 11:15 AM	Karen Joseph	915 Sandpiper Bay Drive SW, Sunset Beach, NC 28468	True	I believe passage of this bill is vitally important.
05/26/2020 11:15 AM	Please pass this bill Lynda Lucas	1371 Bradford Place, Pittsboro , NC 27312	True	Thank you for your commitment to honesty & fairness.
05/26/2020 11:16 AM	Mrs Karen Phillips	117 South Church St, Monroe, NC 28112	True	I do not want to see the method of voting change except for one thing. We need to have voter ID. The people of the State voted For Voter ID but the governor wouldn't give it to us. We want Voter ID. No Mail In Ballots.
05/26/2020 11:16 AM	Ms. Elizabeth O'Nan	420 Huckory Dr., Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	<p>Make voting on a paper ballot permanent. A few things that HB1169 would accomplish to improve our fall elections that are worth highlighting and supporting:</p> <p>Lowers the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot</p> <p>Makes requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots as well</p> <p>Offers flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers so we can better address potential poll worker shortages</p> <p>Provides resources so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected and voters can cast a ballot safely</p> <p>A few items that are not in the bill that would be helpful to include are:</p> <p>Extending voter registration</p>

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				<p>deadlines</p> <p>Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options</p> <p>Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters</p>
05/26/2020 11:16 AM	Mr. George Czerw	703 Alyssum Ave, Caswell Beach, NC 28465	True	<p>The proposed HB1169 is a good start. However, I believe that it would be helpful to include the following items which are not in the bill:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extending voter registration deadlines. 2. Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure that citizens have safe in-person voting options. 3. Providing locations for secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters.
05/26/2020 11:16 AM	Dr Sarah Stein	525 N Bloodworth St, Raleigh, NC 27604	True	<p>I am greatly in favor of this bi-partisan bill to address election rules to make them as accessible to the greatest number of citizens possible. I am in agreement with the main points of your bill, and thank you for them. I would also like to see you include the following:</p> <p>Extending voter registration deadlines</p> <p>Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options</p> <p>Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters</p> <p>Thank you for your efforts on behalf of voter rights in North</p>

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05/26/2020 11:16 AM	Ms. Cynthia Higgins-Rich	367 Battleground Road, ATKINSON, NC 28421	True	Carolina. I'm waiting to see how you vote and will respond accordingly. You are an elected official and as such are there to represent me and not vote your own agenda. I am paying attention and so are many others.
05/26/2020 11:17 AM	Dr John Hamilton	206 Garden Pond Road, Hillsborough, NC 27278	True	Essential !!!
05/26/2020 11:17 AM	Mr Morgan Huffman	1106 S Fulton St, Salisbury, North Carolina 28144	True	As a citizen of the United States and the state of North Carolina I strongly support HB 1169 and its provisions to expand absentee voting so that more of the voices of the people may be heard at the ballot box and in Raleigh and Washington, DC.
05/26/2020 11:18 AM	Ms. Kathleen Klesh	305 Luke Meadow Ln, Cary, NC 27519-8720	True	I urge the House to vote in favor of this bill to safeguard the health and voting rights of citizens. With so much uncertainty about the efficacy and/or availability of a vaccine in October/November, voters should not have to secure two people to come close enough to witness an absentee ballot vote. One person should be sufficient. Additional means of requesting an absentee ballot is also a positive.
05/26/2020 11:18 AM	Mts Annette Rachlin	2431 Retriever la, Greensboro, NC 27355	True	Please pass this bill to give fair and equal representation to all people in NC, regardless of party,
05/26/2020 11:18 AM	Dr. Kenneth Bollen	223 Stagecoach Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	I support this bill as a way of enabling more North Carolinians to vote in our elections without having to risk their health. It appears to me to have reasonable

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				safeguards to protect the integrity of the process. Ken Bollen
05/26/2020 11:19 AM	Ms Laura Heise	3396 ALSTON CHAPEL RD, Pittsboro, NC 27312-9029	True	This is a good first step in providing a safe election this fall. The legislation would be improved if local elections boards were given more flexibility on early voting hours. Many more early voting locations could be opened if they didn't all have to have the same hours. This is especially important in rural counties (such as Chatham) where sparsely populated areas are not well served by easy access to early voting.
05/26/2020 11:19 AM	Please pass this bill David Hanson	1371 Fearrington Post, Pittsboro , NC 27312	True	Please pass this bill
05/26/2020 11:19 AM	Ms Anne Hummel	4082 Fearrington Post , Pittsboro , NC 27312	True	I urge you to pass the proposed bipartisan legislation HB 1169, in order to ensure fair elections while maintaining voter safety during this period of high health risks due to the coronavirus pandemic. All elements of this bill are vitally needed.
05/26/2020 11:20 AM	Mr. Ralph McCormick	3401 Cresta Court, Charlotte, NC 28269-8680	True	Please pass all of the proposals to permit absentee ballots to be both requested electronically and submitted without the need for witness signatures.
05/26/2020 11:20 AM	Dr. Don Mershon	1211 Ivy Lane, Raleigh, NC 27609	True	PLEASE pass the above House Bill (1169). It is critical that NC move forward to make elections safer for everyone in this difficult time. Now is the time to eliminate undue burdens (such as double signatures of witnesses, etc.). We MUST make it easier to

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				vote, not less safe or more difficult. Our democracy is at stake. Please do the right thing to ensure that people do not have to chose between health and citizenship. I'm 76 years old and I'd rather not accidentally infect a volunteer or another voter at my polling place. Likewise, I'd rather live to vote again -- as I have for more than 55 years. Thank you.
05/26/2020 11:21 AM	Ms Mary Jo Rose	145 Lolliberry Dr, Holly Springs, N.C. 27540	True	Please pass this important Bill to making voting in our election safer. Because there are so many elderly people in NC we desperately need or voices heard this November. Sincerely, Mary Jo Rose
05/26/2020 11:21 AM	Ms Elise Laffitte	110 Hudson Street, Raleigh, NC 27608	True	<p>A few things that HB1169 would accomplish to improve our fall elections:</p> <p>Lowers the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot</p> <p>Makes requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots as well</p> <p>Offers flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers so we can better address potential poll worker shortages</p> <p>Provides resources so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected and voters can cast a ballot safely</p>

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05/26/2020 11:21 AM	Mr. Ronald Coble	4001 Singletree Rd, Mint Hill, NC 28227	True	<p>It's time to bring NC voting laws into the 21st century!,,,,, like so many more progressive states already have. Pass this bill NOW!</p> <p>Ron Coble Mint Hill, NC</p>
05/26/2020 11:21 AM	Mr. Roger Townley	3409 Merrifield RD, Rocky Mount, NC 27804	True	<p>It is imperative that all eligible voters have an option to vote by mail or absentee ballot in the November general election. We must have a free and fair election without interference from outside forces.</p>
05/26/2020 11:21 AM	Ms. Nancy Tew	603 LAKESIDE DR, Sanford, NC 27330	True	<p>Please give your support to this bill to help voters exercise their rights in the upcoming elections. This is an unusual time and we need a different approach to voting. I agree with the provisions of this bill and ask you your support</p>
05/26/2020 11:21 AM	Charles Hildenbrand	1841 Stonebanks Loop, Cary, NC 27518	True	<p>I support HB 1169. I believe that the Covid - 19 pandemic requires that the legislature act to improve access for N.C. citizens to our right and obligation to vote. I would support enhancements to this bill that would include absentee ballot drop boxes</p>

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				and extended voter registration deadlines.
05/26/2020 11:22 AM	David Connelly	3 Bland Spring Pl, Durham, 27713	True	Please support this Elections bill. While my personal opinion does not represent any official board of elections, as an elections assistant I've observed that the physical logistics of safely accommodating voters in person (including elderly and handicapped) was already a stretch during the March primary. Anything you can do to improve both in-person voting safety and ease of absentee balloting would be much appreciated. Thanks for your consideration.
05/26/2020 11:22 AM	Dr María Fraser-Molina	105 Teufen Rd, New Bern , NC 28562	True	Please pass HB 1169 to protect our right to vote specially during this pandemic. North Carolinians deserve it.
05/26/2020 11:22 AM	Ms Elise L	110 Hudson Street, Raleigh, NC 27608	True	<p>A few things that HB1169 would accomplish to improve our fall elections:</p> <p>Lowers the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot</p> <p>Makes requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots as well</p> <p>Offers flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers so we can better address potential poll worker shortages</p> <p>Provides resources so</p>

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				precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected and voters can cast a ballot safely
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				Extending voter registration deadlines Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters
05/26/2020 11:22 AM	Ms Carolyn Bentley	2232 Shade Valley Rd. Apt A, Charlotte, NC 28205-8312	True	I am supporting making voting safer for every one. I encourage bipartisan support of this bill.
05/26/2020 11:22 AM	Ms Aiden Carson	14 E. Crabapple Lane, Asheville, Buncombe 28804	True	I support passage of HB 1169 to help ensure safe and fair voting in North Carolina. Please include as much flexibility as possible for local BOEs and add a provision for secure drop-off boxes for Absentee Ballots.
05/26/2020 11:23 AM	Ms Andrea Reimers	9 FOX RIDGE DR, GRANITE FALLS, NC 28630-1845	True	I support lowering the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot. I also support making the process of requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email, or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots as well. Resources should be provided so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected, and

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				voters can cast a ballot safely. I believe the following items should be added to the bill: 1) Extending voter registration deadlines; 2) Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options; 3) Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters. Thank you.
05/26/2020 11:23 AM	Mr. Todd Stiefel	1628 Morning Mountain Rd, Raleigh, NC 27614	True	Everything we can do to make elections sanitary and more accessible for voters is a great thing.
05/26/2020 11:24 AM	Dr Luis Molina	105 Teufen Rd, New Bern , NC 28562	True	Please protect our right to vote by passing HB 1169.
05/26/2020 11:24 AM	Mr. William Hogan	290 Ridgeview Hill Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28791	True	I am encouraging the passage of House Bill 1169. We need to ensure our elections are fair and safe. The ploy of making registering and actual voting exceeding difficult in an effort to suppress the vote is unethical and shameful. The right to vote must be supported and encouraged as a right and obligation for all citizens. With Covid 19 still prevalent throughout our state, it is imperative that the voting process be made easy, safe and efficient.
05/26/2020 11:24 AM	Katrina Wesson	806 High Ct, Hillsborough, North Carolina 27278	True	Too few Americans are able to vote as it stands, which is why we have some of the lowest turnout in the world. We should be making it easier for people to vote. Research shows that states with mail-in only elections have fewer problems with voting errors and have much higher participation.

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05/26/2020 11:24 AM	Ms Karen Turner	2153 Darian Way, Waxhaw, NC 28173	True	I believe this bill is an important first step to making sure the November election is fair, safe and accessible to all voters and safe for poll workers. Beyond what is already included, I would encourage you to consider extending voter registration deadlines, ensure flexibility for early voting plans, and provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes.
05/26/2020 11:24 AM	Ms. Matilda Phillips	102 Mary Wil Court, Greensboro, NC 27455	True	This pandemic attack on the world has things in a mess. We deserve the best opportunity to cast our ballots in the 2020 election. Please pass House Bill 1169. That will help.
05/26/2020 11:25 AM	Mr. James Davidson	136 Charlie Thompson Rd, Vilas, NC 28692-9271	True	This bill will help more people vote, which is the lifeblood of our democracy. Not perfect, but please support.
05/26/2020 11:26 AM	Dr. Larissa Bowman	425 Flat Top Mountain Road, Fairview, NC 28730	True	Items that HB1169 would accomplish to improve the access (fairness) of our fall elections: Will lower the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot Will make requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots as well Will allow flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers so we can better address potential poll worker shortages

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				<p>Allocates resources so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected and voters can cast a ballot safely</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of this most important aspect of protecting our democracy!</p>
05/26/2020 11:27 AM	Ms. Nadine Duckworth	804 Deal Farm Ln, Taylorsville, NC 28681	True	It is important that House Bill 1169 is passed to protect NC voters and poll workers. It is imperative that every effort is made to make voting in 2020 safe and secure. No one should have to choose between executing their right to vote and their physical well-being.
05/26/2020 11:27 AM	Mrs. Mimi Krystel	219 El Paso Ave, Durham, NC 27703	True	This bill would be extremely helpful for North Carolina voters for many reasons. The current requirement of two signatures on a mail-in ballot is a burden - especially for seniors, and the complex rules for requesting and utilizing a mail-in ballot are also a deterrent to successfully completing the process. The pandemic will make standing in long lines on election day a real problem for anyone concerned about coronavirus. Since many poll workers are seniors, the current system needs to be changed. I urge the committee to help enact HB 1169 into law.
05/26/2020 11:27 AM	Ms Deb Vingle	110 South Park Ln, Black Mountain , NC 28711	True	This is so important during this difficult time to ensure that voters have more options to vote while staying as safe as possible.
05/26/2020 11:28 AM	Ms. Christine Puliselic	4980 Hunt Club Rd K, Winston	True	Voting should be done in

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		Salem, NC 27104		person with legal identification. Elections should not be stolen by one party. It's the American people's choice not a party's choice.
05/26/2020 11:28 AM	Ms. Nancy Brown	48 Elijah Hall Rd., Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711	True	<p>Please, support HB 1169 for these reasons: Lowers the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot</p> <p>Makes requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots as well</p> <p>Offers flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers so we can better address potential poll worker shortages</p> <p>Provides resources so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected and voters can cast a ballot safely</p> <p>I suggest you add these to the bill as well:</p> <p>Extending voter registration deadlines</p> <p>Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options</p> <p>Providing secure absentee</p>

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				ballot drop boxes for voters
				Thank you.
				I am concerned about the future of our state.
05/26/2020 11:28 AM			True	Specifically for incarcerated voters, I want to be sure that their access is not erased if visitation is not an option. Could you expand the recruitment for MAT members and also allow MAT to participate in assisting voters while in jail.
05/26/2020 11:30 AM	Mr. MICHAEL SHELL	609 HWY 70W, HILDEBRAN, NC 28637	True	Please make vote by mail easier during this time of great stress and uncertainty.
05/26/2020 11:30 AM	Mr. Tom Fehsenfeld	208 Cumberland Ave, Asheville, NC 28801-1714	True	<p>Thank you for taking up this bill in a timely manner.</p> <p>My wife and I were vacationing in Florida at the time of the primary election and it was a real hassle to obtain absentee ballots, then find witnesses or a notary. It was almost not with the effort. I encourage the committee to embrace the reforms in this bill.</p> <p>I also hope you will study additional steps to make the election more secure and convenient. Providing counties with the resources and flexibility to serve their citizens well must be the focus.</p> <p>Thank you for listening,</p> <p>Tom Fehsenfeld</p>
05/26/2020 11:30 AM	Ms Beth Bowser	PO Box 503, Glenville , NC 28736	True	The proposed bill is a good first start. To make it even

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				<p>stronger: Extend voter registration deadlines Give flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans ensure we have safe in-person voting options Provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters Thank you.</p>
05/26/2020 11:31 AM	Mr Robert Palombo	159 Duck Road, Southern Shores, NC 27949	True	Pass the Bill. Don't allow corrupt Republicans to crush voting rights
05/26/2020 11:31 AM	Chris Herndon	101 Chaps Court, Cary, NC 27513	True	<p>Thank you for continuing to advance this important next step towards ensuring a November election that is fair, safe and accessible to all voters. I especially appreciate lowering the signature requirement, making requesting an absentee ballot easier and resources to ensure the safety of poll workers and sanitization of precincts.</p> <p>I believe this bill can be further improved by including the following: - Extending voter registration deadlines - Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options - Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters</p>
05/26/2020 11:31 AM	Mrs. Katie Collins	16412 Palisades Commons Dr, Charlotte, NC 28278	True	<p>Thank you for your service!</p> <p>This Bill is a step in the right direction but this is 2020 and we should be voting by mail or even better: secured smart phone app! Any unfounded</p>

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				<p>concerns about fraud can easily be managed via Social Security database comparisons and other simple methods of user validation. We need common sense legislation on this even without the threat of societal collapse due to a pandemic. Our democracy depends on how you manage this election- your bipartisan work on this will be the precedent for future voting standards. Together we CAN prevent the voter suppression that scandalized Wisconsin... We have to put an end to gerrymandering and other unsustainable partisan evils that pander to regressive agendas - Please honor our founding fathers and allow ALL citizens the right to vote safely!</p>
05/26/2020 11:31 AM	Dr. Pamela Culp	42 River Walk Drive, Asheville, NC 28804	True	<p>It is critical that we have safe secure elections. We need adequate funding for voting access during this virus. We need to extend voter registration deadlines, give flexibility back to counties regarding early voting, have safe in person voting options and no excuse absentee ballots. Please support HB1169. Voting is an essential right of citizens. Our vote needs to count. Please conduct nonpartisan post election audits to verify accuracy. Thank you.</p>
05/26/2020 11:31 AM	CHERNIAK ROBERT CHERNIAK	596 B Weathersfield, 27312, NC 27312	True	<p>Thank you for a bipartisan bill that does the following: Lowers the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote</p>

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				<p>from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot</p> <p>Makes requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots as well</p> <p>Offers flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers so we can better address potential poll worker shortages</p> <p>Provides resources so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected and voters can cast a ballot safely</p> <p>However, may I recommend an additional provision that will strengthen voting opportunities: Give flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options. You may want to consider postage paid return envelopes if that is not a bridge too far.</p> <p>Robert Cherniak</p>
05/26/2020 11:32 AM	Dr. Stephen Evola	3413 Foy Glen Court, Apex, NC 27539-3681	True	<p>I fully support this bill. In addition, I suggest considering additions that would 1) extend voter registration deadlines; 2) provide flexibility to counties in formulating and implementing early voting plans to ensure safe in person voting; 3) provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes; 4) provide absentee ballots with postage paid return envelopes.</p>
05/26/2020 11:33 AM	Beth Franklin	214 Mount Allen Heights Rd, Black Mountain, NC 28711	True	<p>Please extend voter registration and provide safe receptacles for ballots!</p>

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				Anything we can do to provide safe voting for older folks and those at risk with Covid would be greatly appreciated by this constituent.
05/26/2020 11:34 AM	Rev Lucy Austin	104 Arcadia Ln, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	Please pass the bipartisan elections bill so everyone can vote with ease in Nov 2020.
05/26/2020 11:34 AM	John Lowe	4704 White Chapel Way, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	All efforts need to be made to make our upcoming elections open, accessible, fair, safe and honest. This bill is important, and in addition to the included items should be extended voter registration and extended early voting. Easily accessible and safe voting is NOT a partisan issue. It is the right of our citizens and a fundamental piece of our democracy.
05/26/2020 11:34 AM	Mrs Sheryl Schuhosr	8127 Long Island Rd, Catawba, NC 28609	True	We need to do everything possible in NC to have fair elections. That means easier access to voting by mail, including mailing applications to all voters or allowing them to be accessed on line or on phone and an easier return to the BOE. Also changing to one witness needed, rather than two, which is so difficult at this time is a needed change. Longer early voting would also help all citizens vote. Widespread voter fraud is a proven fallacy. Stand up for voting rights for all!
05/26/2020 11:34 AM	Ms Elizabeth Bowser	P0 Box 503. 319 Shoestring LN, Glenville, NC	True	This proposed bill is a good start. Make it even stronger by: Extending voter registration deadlines, give flexibility back to counties., creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person

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				voting options, and provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters.
05/26/2020 11:35 AM	Ms Geraldine Clark	6837 Coventry Ridge Rd, Raleigh, NC 27616	True	I'm 74 and still kicking. I was a poll worker volunteer in Raleigh for 5 years. I've been in the AF as a medic and retired from IBM. I marched in civil rights movement in High Point during the 60'. I'm a mom and grand mom. Mostly I'm a constitutional patriot, neither Dem nor Repug. My loyalty is to the country. My concerns are for the State of the Union, Sadness for it's health and heart. The country must strive for balance in politics and in the environment and in our relation to ourselves and other humans and our creator. Do what is right and fair for the peoples and the Earth. I was taught this by my grand parents, small family farmers and my mother, which I have carried to everyone I meet. Life has been good and we all deserve it. Your actions show your heart. Please show the better you.
05/26/2020 11:35 AM	Mrs Laura Love	196 Victory Ln, Ronda, NV 28670	True	Totally support this bill. Hope it will make voting easier for those of us that are handicapped.
05/26/2020 11:35 AM	Ms. Helen Wolfson	2738 Sevier St, Durham, nc 27705	True	As a North Carolina resident in a high-risk category owing to my age, I am urging you to pass HB 1169. Dropping the witness requirement to one person will make it easier for both me and my husband to vote without leaving our home. I have already requested my absentee ballot for the November election, but it

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				<p>would have been easier to do if I could have done it by email. Plus I'd have had an electronic record that shows I sent in the request.</p> <p>For many years, I worked as a poll worker, but I would consider it too risky under the present circumstances. We need to prepare for adequate sanitation at polling places and adequate protection of worker and voters. Because people in my age group are less likely to volunteer at the polls, we are going to need to entice younger people: adequate pay would be a good thing. I never did the work for the money, that's for sure! In addition, because we may well have fewer volunteers, I think we need to give counties some flexibility in the creation of early voting plans.</p> <p>Finally, since I am planning to vote absentee, I would love to be sure that my ballot is received. A tracking system or secure drop boxes would be ways to do this. I think it is impractical to expect voters to go to the post office and pay for signature-guarantee on their ballots so that they can be sure it has been delivered.</p>
05/26/2020 11:35 AM	Mr Anthony Madejczyk	2705 Highland Ave, Durham, AL 27704	True	<p>There is much uncertainty around COVID-19 and how this disease works. Older voters especially are at risk for infection, and worse, death. Exercising your right to vote shouldn't kill you. The COVID virus doesn't care what your political affiliation is or who you're going to vote for. Let's</p>

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				make the 2020 Elections safe, reliable and accurate for ALL North Carolina citizens. Thank you.
05/26/2020 11:35 AM	Ms Mary Catherine Cole	113 White Oak Way, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	<p>Please amend the bill to include these items:</p> <p>No photo ID in 2020.</p> <p>Extend mail-in and online voter registration deadlines,</p> <p>Accept HAVA (Help America Vote Act) IDs (such as a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck) in the absentee ballot request form.</p> <p>Give flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.</p> <p>Require the one-witness requirement to be clearly indicated on the absentee ballot container-return envelope.</p> <p>Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for absentee ballot container-return envelopes.</p> <p>Having the ability to smoothly vote during this most unusual time is critical. Thank you for your positive action in making it as easy as possible for all citizens.</p>
05/26/2020 11:36 AM	Mr. John White	5407 Springfield Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609	True	<p>I thank the House for this opportunity to express my opinion on HB 1169.</p> <p>Democracy depends on having those 18 and older being afforded the opportunity to vote. "Being afforded" is defined as taking every possible step to increase voting. Election fraud (not voter fraud) occurred in District 9. There, a political</p>

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05/26/2020 11:37 AM	Mr. Victor Lancaster	1904 WHITE PLAINS RD., CHAPEL HILL, NC 27517	True	operative who was working for a consulting firm hired by the Republican candidate directed an illegal scheme involving absentee ballots.
				The Brennan Center report (available on-line) reviewed elections that had been meticulously studied for voter fraud, and found incident rates between 0.0003 percent and 0.0025 percent. Those who want restrictions for voting cannot produce statistics of voter fraud--they have none--because of the very, very low incident rate.
				Yet HB 1169 is not perfect. I would have liked to see... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extending voter registration deadlines • Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options • Providing secure and no-fee absentee ballot drop boxes for voters
				Again, our democracy depends on everyone voting.
				Thank you for your service.
				John White
				With the COVID 19 pandemic it is morally reprehensible to NOT allow the voters of NC to vote by mail. This measure would make voting by mail easier and much safer for all to vote by mail in the 2020 elections and not risk getting a

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				<p>potentially life threatening virus. It just makes common sense.</p> <p>Bests, Victor Lancaster</p>
05/26/2020 11:37 AM	Ms. Susan Ferguson	9 Laurel Leaf Ct, Durham, NC 27703	True	<p>This bill is general a good bill. The add on of picture ID is not needed at this time. We need to make registration easier and fair not making things harder on those that cannot get out in the general public right now. Allowing absentee voters to only have one signature is necessary to get those votes in and counted. Help the people of NC vote safely and fairly is vital.</p>
05/26/2020 11:38 AM	Mr. Thomas Waldrop	2536 Arbor Lane, Hillsborough, NC 27278	True	<p>Vote yes on House Bill 1169 to make it easier to vote by absentee ballot in November.</p>
05/26/2020 11:39 AM	Leona Whichard	344 Cedar Club Circle, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	<p>I support HB 1169 because it provides financial support for county board of elections directors to cover costs of sanitizing the polling places and providing protection for poll workers as well as voters. It also provides resources and eases some requirements for absentee voting by mail which will be helpful to voters who have high risk factors for dire reactions to the COVID-19 virus. As a person approaching 80 years old, I am one of those people.</p> <p>The bill would be even better if it gave the county board of elections flexibility to make early voting plans that would facilitate scheduling for the needs of the citizens of their county.</p> <p>This bill is a step in the right</p>

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				direction, and I hope it will pass.
05/26/2020 11:39 AM	Dr. Harvey Shapiro	7623 Wellesley Park North, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	I strongly favor this bill. In this difficult time for our state we surely should do all we can to make the sacred right to vote as accessible as possible--especially for older voter like myself who will likely feel anxious about voting in person because of the virus pandemic. Anything we can do to facilitate mail in voting is something that we all--Democrats and Republicans, can get behind.
05/26/2020 11:39 AM	Mrs. Claudine Lewis	921 Huntsman Dr, Durham, NC 27713	True	Please pass this bill and also seriously consider including the following: Extending voter registration deadlines Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters
05/26/2020 11:40 AM	Nick Strange	510 Caswell Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	In this age of such great uncertainty we should take all measures practical to make voting in 2020 and beyond as accessible and as safe as possible. This includes safe and secure voting sites, extended early voting, mail-in ballots for anyone that requests them. And poll workers should have all the PPE they request and then some. My biggest concern is the ability to confirm my vote is counted, no matter how I execute it.
05/26/2020 11:40 AM	Mrs Ginger McClure	87 Wildflower Dr, Andrews, NC	True	I'll be turning 80 yo 8 days

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		28901		before Election Day. Since I became of voting age, I have voted in every primary and every national election. Not missed a single one and worked the telephone in many campaign elections. I have always taken voting as a responsibility no matter what place I lived in. That's one thing my dad, the late Rev France Postell, Andrews-Cherokee Co., instilled in all his 8 children from the beginning. As we age and develop health issues that put us at risk, especially during this time of Covid-19, I ask that you make it easier for all of us to perform our duty to this country by making it easier to vote.
05/26/2020 11:42 AM	Ms Claire Stone	172 Leprechaun Lane, Stoneville , NC 27048	True	<p>Parts of HB1169 that I support because of the current risks faced by voters and poll workers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -lower the signature requirement on absentee ballots -give the option of requesting an absentee ballot by fax, email or phone, including an online way to request ballots -let counties have more leeway in assigning poll workers because of potential poll worker shortages due to the risk of the virus -give resources to sanitize polls and protect poll workers <p>Please consider adding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -extending voter registration deadlines -let counties set early voting plans

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				-provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters Please pass/recommend HB 1169 for the health of all voters! Thank you
05/26/2020 11:42 AM	Mr. Charles Keeling	903 Bridge Way, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	<p>A few items that are not in the bill that would be helpful to include are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extending voter registration deadlines - Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options - Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters
05/26/2020 11:43 AM	Ms Candice Davies	108 Steep Bank Drive, Cary, North Carolina 27518	True	<p>Dear Sirs/ Ma'ams:</p> <p>I'm a registered NC voter, retired educator and small business owner. I am writing out of concerns regarding the upcoming elections in this age of COVID. I am 65 years old and, in my family alone, both my mother and sister are significantly medically compromised. The idea of any of us standing in crowded lines in order to vote is quite worrisome.</p> <p>I am encouraged to learn about (and thank you for your work on) the upcoming HB 1169, especially the lowering of signature requirements on absentee ballots, that we can more easily request absentee ballots, and the creation of an online portal. These changes better serve the needs of vulnerable and home-bound</p>

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				voters like myself.
				I also appreciate the increased supports to counties enabling them to better recruit, support and place poll workers in this time of shortage. Hopefully these changes will provide the necessary resources for precincts to be sufficiently sanitized and prepared to protect their workers and the voters. Again, thank you so much for these actions.
				I am still concerned by some factors, however, and am writing to ask you to please consider the following adjustments/ additions: extending voter registration deadlines giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options, and providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters.
				Thank you so much for making such strong, first-step, actions and I am prayerful that you will continue, and expand the good work on behalf of families- voters- like myself across this state.
05/26/2020 11:43 AM	Mr Stephen Roberts	202 S 3rd St Apt 10, Wilmington, NC 28401	True	Thank you for all you do. I support facilitating voting under the circumstances, and these changes are needed.
05/26/2020 11:44 AM	Mrs. Maritza Melara	5202 Northland Ct, McLeansville, NC 27301	True	we need the November elections to be fair, safe and with easier access to all voters. This bill should

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				<p>include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extended voter registration deadlines 2. allow counties to create an early voting plan to ensure we have safe in person voting options 3. provide safe and secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters
05/26/2020 11:44 AM	Ms Elaine Lite	72 Gibson Road, Asheville, NC 28804	True	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>With upcoming elections in November, I would like to express my support and appreciation for the issues currently addressed in HB 1169, such as (1) lowering signature requirement on absentee ballots; (2) making requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing options to request absentee ballots by fax, email or phone. Also critical is creating an online portal to ballot requests; (3) offering flexibility to our counties when it comes to assigning poll workers to better address potential poll worker shortages; and (4) providing the critical resources for precincts to be sanitized for the safety of both poll workers and voters.</p> <p>Might I also respectfully request that you consider the following, which at this time are not considered in HB 1169:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extending voter registration deadlines; - Giving our counties the flexibility needed when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person

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				<p>voting options; - Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters.</p> <p>In these uncertain times, we need to do everything within our power to support our voting rights for every individual.</p> <p>Thank you for considering these suggestions, Elaine Lite</p>
05/26/2020 11:44 AM	Dr, Thomas Struhsaker	2953 Welcome Dr, Durham, NC 27705	True	We need to have the option of voting by mail and, therefore, this bill must be passed.
05/26/2020 11:44 AM	Ms. Mary Moretz	1419 Deerfield Road, Boone, North Carolina 28607	True	<p>Voting by mail is not a partisan issue. It is a health and safety issue. It seems to me that, if anything, it might help the Republicans slightly more than the Democrats because so many of their voters are rural, older, conservative voters. Frankly, I don't care which party it helps more than the other; I am concerned that every citizen has the opportunity to vote without endangering his or her life. Please vote to save lives and save our right to vote without fear.</p>
05/26/2020 11:45 AM	Mr. David Potorti	100 Luxon Place, Cary, NC 27513	True	<p>There is no more bedrock principle in a democracy than the free and fair opportunity to vote. I ask you to support HB1169 as a critical first step in this direction. Still, you can and should go farther: to provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters; expand voter registration deadlines; and give flexibility to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe</p>

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05/26/2020 11:46 AM	Ms Yol Swan	59 Terrace Dr., Weaverville, NC 28787	True	<p>in-person voting options.</p> <p>Members of the House Elections Committee,</p> <p>I strongly support Bill 1169 and ask you to do the same. We have the knowledge and technology to implement measures that will keep everyone safe while also preventing fraud. I believe this bill is an important first step to make sure the November election is fair, safe and accessible to all voters.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Yol Swan</p>
05/26/2020 11:46 AM	David Floyd	44 Grove Lane, Apex, NC 27502	True	Please vote for improving and expanding the absentee voting process
05/26/2020 11:46 AM	Mrs. Sara Loeppert	1317 Rand Dr, Raleigh, NC 27608	True	Help make elections fair.
05/26/2020 11:47 AM	Mr. David Harney	26 Sugarland Ridge Rd., Fairview, NC 28730	True	<p>Thank you for considering expanding/improving absentee ballot voting NC. As someone very concerned about the current crisis I hope you will adopt all measures to make it easier.</p> <p>I would like to see the requirement for two witnesses to be removed/reduced as it might require me and others to go outside my house to find an additional witness.</p> <p>I would also like to see secure drive up Absentee ballot boxes installed at the Boards of Elections in NC counties including Buncombe County.</p>

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05/26/2020 11:49 AM	Mr Lance Ashdown	1812 S Lakeshore Dr, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	<p>Thank you.</p> <p>This bill promotes the common good. The only reason NOT to pass this bill is to suppress voting to help Republicans keep power. There is no legitimate reason to oppose it.</p>
05/26/2020 11:49 AM	Mr Jesse Michael	1736 30th St NE, Hickory, NC 28601	True	<p>I just want to make my strong support for HB1169 a manner of public record. In addition we need drop off ballot boxes and extended voter registration deadlines.</p>
05/26/2020 11:50 AM	Sandra Bickham	45 River Rock Way, Franklinton, NC 28525	True	<p>Thank you for this opportunity to voice our ideas for safe, convenient, and legal alternative voting options. I suggest that NCGA add postage-paid envelopes to mail-in ballot packets to ensure all mailed ballots make it back to BOE. I also think Official Dropbox sites should be set up in case post offices become overwhelmed.</p>
05/26/2020 11:50 AM	ms Sandra Resner	7607 Middle Dr, Greensboro, North Carolina 27409	True	<p>please vote for this bill. I personally want to vote by mail this year because I am one of the "vulnerable" as I am 77 and have chronic kidney disease. I would not feel safe voting in person this year although I have always done so before.</p>
05/26/2020 11:50 AM	Mr Thomas Liebttag	13 Caldwell 1143 Fearrington Post, Pittsboro, NC 27312	True	<p>It's critical that the General Assembly pass this bill which is an excellent first step to protect our elections in 2020. Do not make the mistake of assuming the pandemic will have diminished by November. In addition, I would like to see extended voter registration</p>

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05/26/2020 11:50 AM	Ms Bonnie Samu	17 Yorkshire Road, Waynesville, NC 28786	True	Please do everything you can to make it easier for NC residents to vote by mail and offer a safe place for the ballots to be dropped off. Please allow the counties to determine early voting time periods.
05/26/2020 11:51 AM	Mr Michael Adams	201 Dinadan Dr Apt H, Charlotte, NC 28217	True	Please pass House Bill 1169 which will make our elections more convenient and safer, especially during this pandemic! Thank You!
05/26/2020 11:52 AM	Ms Hope Homesley	1084 Queensdale Drive , Cary, North Carolina 27519	True	This bill will lowers the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot which is good because there are only 2 of us in our house. Makes requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots as well which helps more people get access. Offers flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers so we can better address potential poll worker shortages And I've been a poll worker a few times and it's stressful. Provides resources so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected and

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				<p>voters can cast a ballot safely. A few items that are not in the bill that would be helpful to include are: Extending voter registration deadlines Which we need now.</p> <p>Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options.</p> <p>Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters.</p>
05/26/2020 11:52 AM	Mr Claude Boisson	207 T R Harris Dr, Shelby, North Carolina 28150	True	Bill 1169 is a good start towards Fair Elections. I vote for it to be adopted and put in place.
05/26/2020 11:52 AM	Sharron Yonko	605 Bethany Road, Albemarle, North Carolina 28001	True	<p>Why are these, (Extending voter registration deadlines Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters), not on the list of things to do?</p> <p>Why is it so hard to make it easier for all people to register, and vote? And what the hell is so wrong with vote by mail? I mean, politicians work for the people, and make all the promises to do a good job, for the people; but yet can't seem to actually accomplish this. Quit dicking around, fix the registration / voting process, and the politicians. And while you're at it; Actually engage with the people, know who you're working for, and do your dam job, and stop making promises you can't keep.</p>
05/26/2020 11:52 AM	Robert Clemen	3805 Westcrest St, Durham, NC 27707	True	Thank you for taking up this important matter.

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				<p>What I like about the bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relaxation of poll worker recruitment • Only one witness required for absentee ballots • Online request for absentee ballots • Funding match to get Federal CARES Act election funds for this effort <p>However, there are some issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the included photo ID requirement: The NC Appeals Court blocked this requirement just a few months ago, in Feb 2020! So why try to add this into the current bill? Current voter ID requirements are reasonable and satisfactory -- the added requirement for a photo ID is an unnecessary and costly burden for voters, and it has been shown to discriminate against minority voters in particular, who are 2.5 - 6 times more likely to lack photo ID, compared to non-Hispanic white voters. See https://journalistsresource.org/studies/politics/elections/voter-photo-id-law-research/ • The bill does not address barriers to voter registration. It should extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration, and provide for online registration more generally, and not just limit it to drivers' license and state ID holders. • The bill should give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that ensure safe in-

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05/26/2020 11:52 AM	Gary Evans	104 Winterbrook Court, Cary, NC 27518	True	Please pass this measure to assist North Carolinians in exercising their constitutional right to vote in this challenging time. Thank you, Gary Evans
05/26/2020 11:52 AM	Ms Claire Stone	172 Leprechaun Lane, Stoneville , North Carolina 27048	True	I support HB1169 because it: -Lowers the signature requirement on absentee ballots -Makes requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email or phone and creating an online option -Offers flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers so they can better address potential poll worker shortages -Provides resources so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected and voters can cast a ballot safely Please also consider adding: -Extending voter registration deadlines -Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options

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				-Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters
				Please pass/approve HB1169 for the health of all voters. Thank you
05/26/2020 11:53 AM	Ms. Evelyn Durmaz	506 E DYNASTY DR, Cary, NC 27513	True	Please allow absentee ballots with one witness signature. Please allow an absentee ballot to be requested by fax, email or phone or through an online portal. Please allow flexibility to counties to staff voter sites. Please fund counties to provide safe voting sites. Please provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters. I support vote by mail for NC.
05/26/2020 11:53 AM	Virginia G Gambill	23 Lakemoor Lane, Hendersonville, NC 28739	True	Voting by mail is essential to many North Carolinians , especially older citizens like me. I am now 88 years of age and will be 89 by this coming Nov election. Due to recent illness and fall, I am not in position to stand in lines for anything. Requirements to show valid state issued photo id is also a discriminatory directive..my driver's license expired October 1st and I am unsure if I will be able to get it re-registered, again too old to stand in line. I am a native North Carolinian citizen with ancestors going back into the mid 1700's Virginia Gill Gambill
05/26/2020 11:54 AM	Ms Lois Rasch	207 T R Harris Dr, Shelby, NC 28150	True	Good start towards Fair elections, I would like to see this bill passed right away. Thanks
05/26/2020 11:54 AM	Mr. Evander Baker	1236 Pine Valley Dr, New	True	Please include allowing and

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		Bern, NC 28562		providing FOR all-by-mail elections and voting, and boards of election to send applications to ALL registered voters whether requested or unrequested for vote-by-mail ballots in NC and National elections NOW. This could be the most important decision you make in your political career. Please make sure your effort is "By and For the people". The people are watching.
05/26/2020 11:55 AM	R Schultz	615 MORREENE RD, DURHAM, NC 27705	True	<p>This bill has some good provisions to ensure we have fair elections in the fall, and that all eligible voters will be able to cast ballots by mail or in person; among them: dropping the number of witnesses needed to cast valid mail-in votes to 1, providing resources for sanitizers so that poll workers can do their jobs safely, and so that voters to cast in person ballots safely, and offering flexibility to counties to better address potential poll worker shortages.</p> <p>However, it falls short in a few areas, and I hope the General Assembly will pass the bill, but also work on legislation to extend voter registration deadlines, give flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options, and provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters.</p> <p>This is a good first step, and I</p>

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				urge the General Assembly to enact HB 1169 to provide confidence in, and voter access to fair elections later this year.
05/26/2020 11:55 AM	Mr. Wayne Bedenbaugh	5801 Barbary Coast Dr, NEW BERN, NC 28560	True	Gentlemen/Ladies, Voting is the single most important thing that we do to protect the Republic. Not only is it a right, guaranteed by the Constitution, voting is a duty of all citizens. Therefore, it is your duty to insure that the ability to vote shall be protected and facilitated to insure as many of north Carolina citizens vote as possible, regardless of party affiliation. To that end, it is of critical importance that House Bill 1169 be approved and implemented as soon as possible. Thank you
05/26/2020 11:55 AM	Owner Nathan Click	144 Black Ridge St A, Morrisville, NC 27560	True	I am writing to encourage support for House Bill 1169, a bipartisan bill that aims to make voting via absentee ballot easier during the coronavirus pandemic. The bill also provides additional funding to help counties prepare for elections amid the COVID-19 crisis. Our elections need to be as safe as possible during these uncertain times and HB 1169 is a step in the right direction to protecting North Carolinians' rights and health. Please support HB 1169.
05/26/2020 11:55 AM	Ms Betsey Granda	112 Circadian Way, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	Please include the following provisions in HB 1169: Extend voter registration deadlines Give flexibility back to

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				<p>counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options</p> <p>Provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
05/26/2020 11:57 AM	Ms Linda Hansma	40 Overlook Cottage Lane, Etowah, NC 28729	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.</p> <p>In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:</p> <p>allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to</p>

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				<p>counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.</p> <p>These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a better shot at avoiding the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus and keep even more of our state's voters safe during the fast-approaching 2020 elections.</p> <p>As a North Carolina voter, can I count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month?</p> <p>Thank you. Linda Hansma</p>
05/26/2020 11:57 AM	Mr mike Little	4001 Garrett Rd., Durham, NC 27707	True	<p>Must have voter id. We CONTINUE to ask for continued voter fraud without it. No vote harvesting and no mail-in votes w/o proper justification co-signed by referenced causal source!</p>
05/26/2020 11:58 AM	--select an item-- Dennis Boos	3301 Boulder Ct., RALEIGH, NC 27607	True	<p>House Bill 1169 is an important first step that should be passed. Here are a few other things we also need to pass:</p> <p>Extending voter registration deadlines Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters</p>

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05/26/2020 11:58 AM	Mr James DeGrave	35 Yorktown Cir, Arden, NC 28704	True	<p>Thank you!</p> <p>Voting is a fundamental right that needs protection and increasing, NOT decreasing, access during these challenging times. At a minimum, vote by mail should be provided for, along with increased safety protections for poll workers that are needed for in-person voting. Nobody should have to choose between their health and safety and the right to participate in any election. HB 1169 is a small step in the right direction toward protecting everyone's right to vote safely. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
05/26/2020 12:00 PM	Ms Katherine Griffin	4416 Jasmine Cove Way, Wilmington, NC 28412	True	<p>I love most of your bill. Frankly I think having 2 witnesses is not a huge problem and that will hopefully help prevent fraud.</p>
05/26/2020 12:01 PM	Mrs. Jana Baker	2322 Salem Church Rd, Lincolnton, NC 28092	True	<p>Please add the following to this bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extending voter registration deadlines Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters <p>Jana Baker</p>
05/26/2020 12:01 PM	Carol Sylvia Hubbard	750 Weaver Dairy Rd Apt 122, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	<p>I am writing to support HB 1169 for the Elections 2020.</p> <p>COVID-19 has disrupted our lives in many ways. It appears that it may be unsafe for us to vote in person in November 2020. It is essential that NC</p>

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				<p>change electoral procedures in order to assure voting by mail and a fair election. We cannot afford to let this pandemic negatively impact this fall's election.</p> <p>I therefore welcome many of the provisions of HB 1169, such as the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reducing the absentee ballot witness requirement from two persons to one. - Allowing voters to submit an absentee ballot request form via email, online, fax, mail or in person. - Giving counties greater flexibility in the assignment of poll workers, thus addressing possible poll worker shortages at precincts. - Providing money to counties to prepare for elections amid COVID-19, including the purchasing of personal protective equipment for use at polling places, and increasing recruitment and compensation of poll workers. <p>However, HB1169 reintroduces a requirement that voters show an approved photo ID, this time adding IDs that are issued by a government public assistance agency. For years, there has been a thus-far successful struggle against this discriminatory requirement, which is currently prevented by court injunction. It would be shameful to use the</p>

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05/26/2020 12:02 PM	Mrs. Bryna Rapp	6819 Morrow Mill Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	<p>COVID-19 crisis to revive this spurious requirement.</p> <p>I support this bill's critical enhancements to voting access in the age of COVID-19, I hope you will consider adding the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extending voter registration deadlines - Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options - Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters
05/26/2020 12:02 PM	Ms. Mary Wessling	1704 Efland Dr., Greensboro, NC 27408	True	<p>A strong democracy depends on a strong collective voice. Allowing that voice to be heard regardless of the circumstances is important. This bill would broaden the options for many voters who are unable to make it to the polls due to health issues, gives poll workers (I used to be one) protections for working in a sanitized environment, and allows counties to be flexible in assigning poll workers. Also, we need to extend voter registration deadlines and secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters.</p>
05/26/2020 12:02 PM	Ms Edith Simpson	15 Springdale Rd, Asheville, NC 28805	True	<p>I strongly support passage of this bill to make voting safer and fairer for all NC citizens, including our dedicated poll workers.</p> <p>My mother applied for an absentee ballot when she was 75 and we found the process burdensome. So I now drive her to the polls, but many seniors (and others) don't</p>

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				<p>have safe transportation. I support permanent vote-by-mail for anyone over 65, or for all citizens as some states successfully do. This would enable the free and fair elections as the NC Constitution guarantees. But right now we need to pass HB 1169. Voting is our right and our duty, and no one should have to risk their lives to vote. The "fraud" argument is not supported by factual data.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comment and for taking these steps to ensure all NC citizens can safely choose their elected officials.</p>
05/26/2020 12:03 PM	Dr Sondra Stein	905 E Oak Drive, Durham, NC 27705	True	<p>This is a necessary bill to help NC citizens vote in 2020, given the current COVID-19 pandemic conditions. I am particularly concerned that we amend current legislation to make requesting an absentee ballot easier, including allowing only one signature (not a notary) and allowing multiple ways to request an application. Since most of the poll workers in my county (including myself) are older and at extra risk, I also support allowing workers from outside the precinct to give us more eligible workers, and extra resources to allow for sanitizing in between voters. It would also be helpful if the bill can restore county flexibility in determining the number of days, the days and the hours for polling sites to enable those of us who want to vote</p>

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				<p>in person to do so safely. Finally, I would appreciate it if we could also establish secure boxes for returning absentee ballots so individuals do not have to pay postage or go inside the Board of Elections to deposit their ballot.</p>
05/26/2020 12:03 PM	Tracey Powell	8905 Castleberry Rd, Apex, North Carolina 27523	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic is having major impacts on every single category of our lives. This of course includes our upcoming elections. I am writing to comment on House Bill 1169. It absolutely must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot either at home or in-person in the November 2020 elections.</p> <p>In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. The bill needs to include items such as:</p> <p>*Allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines. *Broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or</p>

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				<p>paycheck, or other government-issued ID) *Expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.</p> <p>These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a chance to avoid the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus. We need to keep our voters safe and ensure that there are no undue burdens on anyone's right to vote in a safe manner.</p> <p>As a North Carolina voter (Wake County), I urge you to support amendments that will expand EVERY voter's basic protections. We all need to come together to protect our citizens and ensure that every person may vote safely. Thank you.</p> <p>Tracey Powell</p>
05/26/2020 12:04 PM	Mr. Daniel Franch	503 N Shadow Lake Dr., Willow Spring, NC 27592	True	<p>The Honorable Representatives of the NC General Assembly:</p> <p>I commend this bipartisan legislation, because it will help ensure the November election is fair, safe, and accessible to all voters in North Carolina. As manifested by the recent primary elections in Wisconsin, we cannot conduct an election this fall without protecting public health. I trust our legislators of all</p>

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				<p>political persuasions will consider amending this legislation to include the following provisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Extending voter registration deadlines -Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options <p>While House Bill 1169 does not accomplish everything I would like, it is a courageous first step to responding to the pandemic and protecting our elections. With this in mind, I urge you to support this important piece of legislation.</p> <p>Sincerely, Mr. Daniel Franch</p>
05/26/2020 12:04 PM	Mr Malchus Watlington	2 Aman Court, Durham, NC 27713	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>Thanks for addressing the issue of election relief. We do not want to see a repeat of what happened in Wisconsin recently, with citizens exercising their right to vote having to risk COVID-19 infection.</p> <p>House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.</p> <p>While we appreciate your efforts to relax some poll worker recruitment requirements and reducing vote-by-mail witness</p>

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				<p>requirements to one, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:</p> <p>Extending mail-in and online deadlines. Allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (e.g utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID). Expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines (such as we saw in Wisconsin) by giving counties the right to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.</p> <p>In so doing, you will help to keep NC voters safe and healthy.</p> <p>As an active North Carolina voter, I hope that I can count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters? We count on you to keep us safe, and to protect our freedom to vote without exposure to avoidable hazards.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
05/26/2020 12:05 PM	Dr. Sherry Shapiro	7623 Wellesley Park North, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	<p>I encourage support for HB 1169 as it will accomplish helping to make voting during this unusual time of a pandemic where many voters will need to vote through mail. As such, not only should we support HB 1169 but it should extend to include voter registration deadlines, give</p>

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05/26/2020 12:05 PM	Mr. David Ambaras	605 Surry Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	<p>flexibility to the counties to create plans that best ensure safe in-person voting options, and thirdly that we need to provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters.</p> <p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections. In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, * broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and * expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their

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				<p>communities.</p> <p>These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a better shot at avoiding the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus and keep even more of our state's voters safe during the fast-approaching 2020 elections.</p> <p>As a North Carolina voter, can I count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month?</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
05/26/2020 12:05 PM	Ms Ann Ringland	126 Landsbury Dr, Durham, NC 27707	True	<p>I applaud that this bill is being considered. However, there are some practices missing.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Counties should have the opportunity to determine the length of early voting and other arrangements. 2. Mail in ballots should be pre-stamped to ensure all will be sent in. 3. NO REQUIREMENT for photo ID. This requirement discriminates against minority voters. Obtaining a photo ID in these restrictive times is another barrier. 4. Poll workers should be able to come from other counties. There a may be a shortage of on site workers which would limit the number of polling places.
05/26/2020 12:05 PM	Ms. Marnie Thompson	712 South Elam Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27403	True	<p>I ask you to support HB1169, which accomplishes several important things for creating safe options for voting, including lowering the</p>

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				signature requirement on absentee ballots and making the process of requesting an absentee ballot easier. In addition to these laudable features, I hope the legislature adds a few more to really make this legislation effective at enfranchising eligible voters: 1) Extend voter registration deadlines, 2) Give flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options, and 3) Provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters. Thank you.
05/26/2020 12:06 PM	Prof. Carol Meyers	3202 Waterbury Drive, Durham, NC 27707-2416	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current voter ID requirements are reasonable and satisfactory -- the added requirement for a photo ID is an unnecessary and costly burden for voters, and it has been shown to discriminate against minority voters in particular, who are 2.5 - 6 times more likely to lack photo ID, compared to non-Hispanic white voters. • The bill does not address barriers to voter registration. It should extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration, and provide for online registration more generally, and not just limit it to drivers' license and state ID holders. • The bill needs to give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that ensure safe in-person voting. • The bill should allow the option of contactless drop box

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05/26/2020 12:06 PM	Mister Evander Baker	1236 Pine Valley Dr, New Bern, NC 28562	True	<p>returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.</p> <p>I support the following provisions of this bill as drafted today 5-26-2020: on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot. Makes requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots as well. Offers flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers so we can better address potential poll worker shortages. Provides resources so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected and voters can cast a ballot safely. Also please add: Extending voter registration deadlines; Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options; and Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters.</p>
05/26/2020 12:07 PM	Prof. Eric Meyers	3202 Waterbury Drive, Durham, NC 27707-2416	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current voter ID requirements are reasonable and satisfactory -- the added requirement for a photo ID is an unnecessary and costly burden for voters, and it has been shown to discriminate against minority voters in particular, who are 2.5 - 6 times more likely to lack photo ID, compared to non-Hispanic white voters.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bill does not address barriers to voter registration. It should extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration, and provide for online registration more generally, and not just limit it to drivers' license and state ID holders. • The bill needs to give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that ensure safe in-person voting. • The bill should allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.
05/26/2020 12:08 PM	Ms. Misako Toda	605 Surry Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-2627	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.</p> <p>In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:</p> <p>allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-</p>

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				<p>in and online deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.</p> <p>These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a better shot at avoiding the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus and keep even more of our state's voters safe during the fast-approaching 2020 elections.</p> <p>As a North Carolina voter, can I count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month?</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
05/26/2020 12:09 PM	Donna Scott	7 McIntish Rd, Asheville , NC 28806	True	<p>I am 66 years old, and just had cancer surgery. I need, and want the US Postal Service to continue in my lifetime. I rely on our Great American Institution each and every day! I also, want and need to vote by mail to protect myself from COVID-19 and other germs!</p>
05/26/2020 12:10 PM	Dr. Karen M Clark-Keys	1304 Windy Field Cir, Knightdale, NC 27545-8109	True	<p>I am asking that precisely due to COVID 19 impacts, that all options for voting, including mail in voting, expanded</p>

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				number of voting sites with expanded early voting, be implemented to allow all registered voters be allowed to vote in the November 2020 election. I am also asking that voter registration be expanded, improved and thoroughly communicated through out the state to all potential voters starting now. This should include Same Day Registration.
05/26/2020 12:10 PM	Ms Nancy Crego	4040 Nottaway Rd, Durham, NC 27707	True	Current voter ID requirements are working and the added requirement for a photo ID is unnecessary and burdensome for voters. As a Hispanic and being married to another Hispanic that were both born in the US I had a Lot of difficulty getting all of the required documents because of a 1 initial difference in some of my documents from when I was a child in Florida. My husband is going through similar difficulties because his name has a JR attached that ended up being identical to his fathers's name again due to a birth certificate error in his name that has been almost impossible to fix. I currently have a N.C. license but my husband who travels a lot for business is trying to get his. We are unlikely to be able to even get a Real ID because of these seemingly minor errors that neither of us can seem to correct even though I have a PhD and he has an MBA. Although we have always paid taxes have never had any legal trouble and he works for the

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				<p>Federal government and has a security clearance it might take many months to be able to get him a N.C. license not To mention that he is rarely here during the week and would need to take time off to try to make an appointment for a license. When you make these rules I don't think you realize how many people you may be unintentionally excluding even though we should clearly have a say in who is elected. Please do not require the photo ID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bill does not address barriers to voter registration. It should extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration, and provide for online registration more generally, and not just limit it to drivers' license and state ID holders. • The bill needs to give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that ensure safe in-person voting. • The bill should allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. • The bill should provide prepaid postage for mail-in ballots
05/26/2020 12:11 PM	Mrs. Linda McCracken	4698 Paint Fork Road, Mars Hill, NC 28754	True	This legislation is non-partisan and needs to be passed immediately.
05/26/2020 12:13 PM	Mr. jim wikle	P.O. 487, Welcome,NC 27374 P.O. Box 487, Welcome, NC	True	Having experience as a chief judge for multiple election

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		27374		cycles and a 94 year old very active and agile mother I would encourage members of both parties to pass House Bill 1169 by voting Aye.
05/26/2020 12:13 PM	Barbara Sydell	592 Fearrington Post, Pittsboro , N.C. 27323	True	This bill must pass to ensure our voting rights during this pandemic.
05/26/2020 12:13 PM	Rev. Dr. Langston Logan, Sr.	176 Carrington Lane, Roxboro, NC 27573	True	Please give all of these suggestions serious & positive consideration. All of these suggestions are very much needed. Voting is a right as well as a privilege & should be extended to any & everyone.
05/26/2020 12:14 PM	Ms. Judith Presser	103 Dunvegan Ct, Apex, NC 27502	True	<p>HB1169 is a good first step to ensure that November's election is fair, safe and accessible to all voters. Please consider adding the following items to strengthen what is already included, such as extending voter registration deadlines; providing flexibility to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options; and providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments for consideration.</p>
05/26/2020 12:15 PM	Ms. Lynn Weller	211 Wild Oak Ln, Carrboro, NC 27510	True	With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common-sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections. Please make the following

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				<p>changes to this bill</p> <p>Speak out against photo ID in 2020.</p> <p>Extend mail-in and online voter registration deadlines,</p> <p>Accept HAVA (Help America Vote Act) IDs (such as a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck) in the absentee ballot request form.</p> <p>Give flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.</p> <p>Require the one-witness requirement to be clearly indicated on the absentee ballot container-return envelope.</p> <p>Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for absentee ballot container-return envelopes.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
05/26/2020 12:15 PM	Ms Elizabeth Kreml	531 Ballantyne Commons Circle Apt 304, Hendersonville, NC 28792	True	Democracy dictates accessibility to voting. Do this and more.
05/26/2020 12:16 PM	Mr Bruce Reeves	222 S Caldwell St 1704, Charlotte, NC 28202	True	<p>I have read the bill digest, and would like to see this bill move forward. The time restrictions make it so an evaluation of its effectiveness before another election should reduce anxiety about a permanent change to elections. COVID-19 has made in-person voting a risky endeavor for many people.</p>
05/26/2020 12:16 PM	Mr. Sean McKeever	1000 Hadley Meadows Dr., Raleigh, NC 27603	True	<p>Due to the pandemic, NC must provide the following for voters come Fall 2020:</p> <p>- Lower the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign</p>

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				<p>their absentee ballot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots as well - Offer flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers so we can better address potential poll worker shortages - Provide resources to precincts so they can practice proper sanitation protocols and ensure PPE for poll workers so that voters can cast a ballot safely - Extending voter registration deadlines throughout the state - Give flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options - Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters
05/26/2020 12:16 PM	Mr Gene Majewski	12535 Cardinal Woods Dr, PINEVILLE, NC 28134	True	About time. This needs immediate action.
05/26/2020 12:18 PM	Mrs. Linda Donnelly	615 Lakeview drive, Apex, NC 27502	True	It is essential for our democracy that voting be made accessible to all eligible voters. Please pass this bill and continue to improve and provide safe and accessible voting for North Carolinians.
05/26/2020 12:18 PM	Mr. Robert Petters	2102 Barrington Manor Drive , Apt. 105, RALEIGH, NC 27612	True	<p>I commend the General Assembly for considering improving elections. I hope you will also consider:</p> <p>Extending voter registration deadlines</p> <p>Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting</p>

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				options Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters
				Thank you.
05/26/2020 12:19 PM	Mrs Linda Majewski	12535 Cardinal Woods Dr, PINEVILLE, NC 28134	True	Needs immediate response.
05/26/2020 12:20 PM	Mrs Virginia Hultquist	5034 Millpoint Rd, Greensboro, NC 27406	True	I strongly support the provisions of this proposed bill. They are logical and certainly appropriate in this time of change and uncertainty.
05/26/2020 12:21 PM	Mr Harvey Hobson	812 Crossridge Lane, Kernersville, NC 27284	True	At this time, lowering the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot is imperative. Making an absentee ballot request easier by providing the option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email, phone or online would be ideal Precincts must be sanitized and poll workers protected Extending voter registration deadlines are also needed, as well as, giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options. Also, providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters for those wanting to stay out of crowded areas.
05/26/2020 12:22 PM	Ms. Lisa Yarger	1025 Alabama Avenue, Durham, NC 27705	True	I'm delighted that the North Carolina General Assembly's House Elections committee will meet tomorrow to discuss the bipartisan elections bill that has been filed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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				<p>This bill is an important step to making sure the fall election is safe, as well as fair and accessible to all voters.</p> <p>I'm very happy that the legislation, if enacted, would:</p> <p>Lower the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot.</p> <p>Makes requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots as well.</p> <p>Offers flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers so we can better address potential poll worker shortages.</p> <p>Provides resources so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected and voters can cast a ballot safely.</p> <p>I urge you to consider these additions to the bill:</p> <p>Extend voter registration deadlines.</p> <p>Give flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options.</p> <p>Provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters.</p>
05/26/2020 12:22 PM	Ms Cheryl DeMaio	731 Magnolia Ave, Charlotte, NC 28203	True	<p>I am 73 years old and I would like to more opportunities for early voting. Please provide the funding to individual counties to allow more early</p>

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				voting days and more flexibility to operate hours when the need is greatest.
05/26/2020 12:22 PM	Ms. V.L. Brandt	3318 Coachman's Way, Durham, NC 27705	True	<p>I'd like to make several observations and suggestions regarding this bill.</p> <p>(1) The bill does not address barriers to voter registration. It should extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration, and provide for online registration more generally, and not just limit it to drivers' license and state ID holders.</p> <p>(2) Current voter ID requirements are enough. The proposed added requirement for a photo ID is an unnecessary and costly burden, and it has been shown to discriminate against minority voters in particular, who are more likely to lack photo ID.</p> <p>(3) The bill should allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.</p> <p>(4) The bill should also provide prepaid postage for mail-in ballots, so that lack of a stamp does not prevent anyone from casting a vote.</p> <p>Thank you. V.L. Brandt</p>
05/26/2020 12:22 PM	Ms. Garnet Bass	207 Pinecroft Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609	True	In a democracy, voting is a fundamental right and responsibility. House Bill 1169 contains essential provisions to ensure that North

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				<p>Carolínians will be able to vote and have their votes counted, safely and efficiently, in the midst of the current pandemic. We need more sites open for early voting and for longer periods of time, with adequate staffing to avoid long lines. We also need to make absentee voting easier. For example, I am 68 and have asthma so absentee voting may be the wisest option for me this fall, especially if we have a second wave of new coronavirus cases. But I live alone, so getting the required two witnesses would be a serious challenge under social distancing guidelines. I cannot recall ever failing to vote in any election for which I was eligible and don't intend to miss this one. Please don't make me risk my life to do it.</p>
05/26/2020 12:23 PM	Ms. Patricia Walker	1114 Cotswold Court, Raleigh, NC 27609	True	<p>As someone who has voted in every election since 1977, I believe very strongly in the right of every citizen to have safe and easy access to voting. This includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Early voting at a wide number of polling places, particularly in disadvantaged and rural areas where early voting is often discouraged by a lack of convenient polling places. This is especially important for those who do not have access to a car and must rely on whatever public transportation exists. 2) "No excuse" mail-in ballots

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				<p>which should be available on line or via phone, email or fax request.</p> <p>3) Elimination of any requirement for witnesses or notarizations on mail-in ballots.</p> <p>Funds should be allocated to cover the cost of establishing online portals for requesting mail-in ballots and for creating public awareness of this option through advertising and voter mailings.</p> <p>Funds should also be available for additional sanitizing measures at polling places to be sure that any risk of disease is minimized for those who do vote in person.</p> <p>These also are “the times that try men’s souls,” and we should do our utmost to ensure that the citizens of North Carolina have the ability to exercise their God given right to vote.</p> <p>Patricia M. Walker</p>
05/26/2020 12:23 PM	Kelli Keck	507 ottawa ave, durham, NC 27701	True	<p>I have several comments regarding this bill. As a former voter of Colorado, the vote by mail/drop off system made voting far more accessible for myself and everyone else I knew. Based on these experiences I suggest the following:</p> <p>NCGA add postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE, making sure that votes are</p>

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				<p>counted.</p> <p>I want to see dropbox sites set up so that voters can securely drop off a completed ballot in case the mail systems are overwhelmed or not able to timely deliver ballots to BOE by election day. Dropbox sites worked well in Colordao, and I believe it is time for NC to use this tool to expand the ways for voters to use absentee ballots successfully.</p> <p>Ideally I would like to see every registered voter automatically be mailed a ballot. If that is unlikely, I want to see the online portal to request an absentee ballot completed much quicker and available to all voters. I also want a mechanism to check that my county BOE received my request beyond just calling the BOE office.</p>
05/26/2020 12:23 PM	Jo Ann Mount	1238 W. 4th St., Winston-Salem , NC 27101	True	<p>It is important that voters feel safe & ARE safe when they vote. Early voting sites & days should be expanded. Access to absentee ballots should be made readily available to all voters. Confirmation of receipt of completed absentee ballots should be automatic, not requiring a phone call. The safety of our citizens should be paramount!</p>
05/26/2020 12:23 PM	Mr. Carl Lang	418 Dogwood Creek Place, Fuquay Varina, NC 27526-5812	True	<p>The ballot is the bill for the lives of our veterans. Every citizen owes that bill. It is not the duty of the citizen to prove who he or she is; it is the duty of the state to see to it that every citizen receives that bill</p>

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				in a timely manner, preferably by mail. Those who don't pay it are dead-beats; suppressing it is a crime against We the People. The due date is Election Day. Make that day Veterans Day, where the only activity in the country is paying that bill, satisfying our common debt for their blood and sacrifice and celebrating their lives.
05/26/2020 12:24 PM	Jessica Sangutei	108 Landsbury Dr, Durham, NC 27707	True	I am glad the House is considering additional measures to support voter access this fall as it is very important this election year. However, I think this bill should not require additional ID requirements, that would be difficult at best for many to access this year during the pandemic. In addition, it should extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration, and provide for online registration more generally, and not just limit it to drivers' license and state ID holders. It should allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes, perhaps decided upon by the county for the best location. Thank you.
05/26/2020 12:25 PM	Nancy Kimberlin	712 Ancient Oaks Dr, Holly Springs, NC 27540	True	Please make it easier to vote. Our democracy is too important.
05/26/2020 12:25 PM	Joel Barrio	7942 Harbour Ridge Ct., Denver, NC 28037	True	Expand mail-in voting so people don't have to worry if they'll have to get sick to vote. Also get rid of the witness signatures!!
05/26/2020 12:26 PM	Ms Bonnie Wright	2209 Englewood Ave,	True	Please pass HB 1169 to

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		Durham, NC 27705		<p>ensure that every voter in NC can vote without compromising personal and community safety. Also, please improve the bill by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * extending voter registration deadlines * provide secure absentee ballot boxes * give flexibility to counties to create and implement safe early voting plans that extend options (not allowing them to further restrict voting options)
05/26/2020 12:26 PM	Ms Donna Drinnen	237 Duncan St, Sparta, NC 28675	True	I support fair voting and opportunity for everyone to vote, including early voting, vote by mail and online voting if ever available.
05/26/2020 12:26 PM	Ms Mary-Faye Grear	5430 Winters Way, Greensboro, NC 27410	True	I am a nearly 74 years old and this is one of the most important elections that I have ever had the privilege of participating in. I will keep this short. The concerted efforts of legislators to working to limit the rights of citizens to vote in our elections is disgraceful. You all have an opportunity to show us that you want to really protect our rights as American citizens to vote and remove the obstacles. Please pass House Bill 1169 Elections 2020. Put on your "big boy pants" and work on the behalf of the silent majority of citizens.
05/26/2020 12:26 PM	Nancy Kimberlin	712 Ancient Oaks Dr, Holly Springs, NC 27540	True	My husband and I are in our 70's please make mail in voting easier.
05/26/2020 12:27 PM	Ms. Sharon Stewart	4526 Old Towne Street, Wilmington, NC 28412	True	I am 66 years old and a cancer patient. I need a way to safely vote by mail from home. I also

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				<p>don't have two other adults living in my house so trying to find an additional witness would be a burden since I will be undergoing surgery and chemotherapy and getting out will be difficult.</p> <p>I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill will make mail voting easier, safe and secure and sure hope this passes.</p>
05/26/2020 12:31 PM	Ms. Celia Donnelly	2964 Friendship Road, Durham, North Carolina 27705	True	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I'm concerned with the new requirements that House Bill 1169 proposes.</p> <p>The current voter ID requirements are reasonable and satisfactory. Voting is a necessary, basic function of our democracy and should be easy to do, so as to ensure our rights and opinions as citizens continue to be voiced, protected, and heard.</p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, everyday actions (including voting) are more complicated. If requirements are to be made in regards to voting, it should be inclusive to health and safety measures and increasing access to absentee ballots.</p> <p>This bill does not address barriers to voter registration. Which it could, and should do, by: extending mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration, providing online registration more generally and, not limiting it to just drivers' license and state ID holders.</p> <p>The bill needs to give flexibility back to the counties to make</p>

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				<p>early voting schedules that ensure safe in-person voting. This flexibility can occur if HB1169 has the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes and, provides prepaid postage for mail-in ballots.</p> <p>What HB1169 does is add a requirement for a photo ID, which is an unnecessary and costly burden for voters. This has been shown to discriminate against minority voters in particular, who are 2.5 - 6 times more likely to lack photo ID, compared to non-Hispanic white voters. See https://journalistsresource.org/studies/politics/elections/voter-photo-id-law-research/</p> <p>In a time where we crave to be together in-person, we look to our government to uphold what is safe, inclusive, and fundamental to our American democracy and unite us as a country and as a people. Please question what limitations are posed by the voting requirements in HB1169 and consider what adjustments keep the American people and voting accessibility the priority. Thank you.</p>
05/26/2020 12:31 PM	Mrs. Mary Ann Woehrel	294 Fearington Post, Pittsboro, NC 27312	True	<p>I've worked as a poll worker for the past 4 years. I plan to do it this year, but I'm 70 and my husband is 79. Chatham county always needs poll workers as it's very long days.</p>

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				I'm retired so I can do it and consider it my civic duty. However, I don't want to put my husband at risk. Please allow mail in voting for all of us. It's not a partisan issue; I'd like to see all registered voters participate.. It's worked for other states, I'm sure we can do it too.
05/26/2020 12:32 PM	Mr Daniel I Hohenstein	169 Haw Creek Mews Dr, Asheville, NC 28805	True	NC has an obligation to be a leader not a follower. The Right to vote is paramount to our democracy. There should be no impediments to this Right. By making voting as easy as possible hopefully the numbers of participants will increase.
05/26/2020 12:32 PM	Robert Gelblum	500B Oak Ave, Carrboro, NC 27510	True	Add the key unincluded bipartisan recommendations provided months ago that would protect even more voters, including at-risk Black and Brown communities!
05/26/2020 12:33 PM	Mr. Herbert Amey	57 Grandwood Cir, Durham, NC 27712	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I suggest making Early Voting more flexible and allowing counties to decide what they want to offer. In order to be socially distant and convenient to more voters in my county, I want to see more sites open for fewer/highest-use hours. I know my county is under budget constraints so making sure that my county BOE has flexibility to make a schedule that works for more voters means that we can have more voters use EV but more evenly distributed and not standing in long lines. I suggest that NCGA add postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE, making sure that

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				<p>votes are counted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I want to see dropbox sites set up so that voters can securely drop off a completed ballot in case the mail systems are overwhelmed or not able to timely deliver ballots to BOE by election day. Dropbox sites have worked well in other states, and I believe it is time for NC to use this tool to expand the ways for voters to use absentee ballots successfully. • I want to see the online portal to request an absentee ballot completed much quicker and available to all voters. I also want a mechanism to check that my county BOE received my request beyond just calling the BOE office.
05/26/2020 12:35 PM	Rev. Emily Viverette	1011 Pamlico Drive, Greensboro, NC 27408	True	I am in support of House Bill 1169 and believe this bill is an important first step to making sure the November election is fair, safe and accessible to all voters. In these unprecedented times we need extra measures to make sure voting is accessible to all.
05/26/2020 12:35 PM	Connie Ness	8601 Clovehitch Court, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	I am in the high risk group for Covid-19, so I am very concerned about how I will be able to safely cast my vote this November.
05/26/2020 12:36 PM	Mrs. Maggie Wittke	245 Highview Dr, Youngsville, NC 27596	True	Every effort should be made to insure that all citizens are able to cast their vote in a safe environment. The COVID 19 pandemic has most of us very concerned about the safety of voting in person. Vote by mail will insure that this happens. Mail in ballots should have

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				return postage. Drop boxes should be made available. Rules for a notary public should be waived. There will be many people who will still want to vote in person. We must have early voting days and sites extended well ahead of election day. On election day, we must have poll workers protected from COVID19 and establish safe distancing.
05/26/2020 12:37 PM	Cheryl Howard	150 NE 3rd St, Oak Island, NC 28465	True	Please vote yes on hb1169 on behalf of all North Carolinians, that every resident can have a voice in the upcoming elections without taking unnecessary health risks.
05/26/2020 12:37 PM	Mr Stephen Smith	722 Red Forest Trail, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	I am in favor of this bill.
05/26/2020 12:37 PM	Caroline Trautman	206 Old Franklin Grove Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	I think I speak for many North Carolinians when I say I need a way to safely vote by mail from home. All of us deserve to have our voice heard and have a simple and safe way to vote. I personally do not have two other adults living in my house. I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill will make mail voting easier, safe and secure.
05/26/2020 12:37 PM	Mr. Michael Wienholt	7809 Harps Mill Road, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	In my opinion, this bill should provide for the following: Lower the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot; Provide the option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots; Address potential poll

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05/26/2020 12:37 PM	Mrs Tamara Manhard	127 Black Willow Drive , Apex, NC 27523	True	Mail in voting is a fair and easy way to vote during this pandemic. Please allow this bill to pass.
05/26/2020 12:37 PM	Dr. Jeanette Koshar	PO Box 2192, Carolina Beach, NC 28428	True	I am 68 years old and need a way to safely vote by mail from home. I also don't have two other adults living in my house. I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill will make mail voting easier, safe and secure. Thank you for your consideration to keep me safe.
05/26/2020 12:39 PM	Mr Roger Patterson	95 River Rock Way, Franklinton, NC 27525	True	I am 75 years old and need a way to safely vote by mail from home. I also have many medical conditions that make me more acceptable to contacting disease. I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill that will make mail voting easier, safe and secure. Another idea is to have dropbox sites set up so that voters can securely drop off a completed ballot. I believe both these means of voting is successful in other states and NC can use these tools to expand ways for voters to use absentee ballots successfully.
05/26/2020 12:40 PM	Dr. Frank Giordano	209 Beringer Pl. , Chapel Hill , NC 27516	True	Everything that can enable all eligible citizens to vote should be enacted. The time for voter suppression (our shameful legacy of gerrymandering,

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				etc.) should be over!
05/26/2020 12:41 PM	Ms. Mary Thompson	9134 Wooden Rd, Raleigh, NC 27617	True	<p>I would like to give my support to House Bill 1169:</p> <p>Lowers the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot</p> <p>Makes requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots as well</p> <p>Offers flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers so we can better address potential poll worker shortages</p> <p>Provides resources so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected and voters can cast a ballot safely</p>
05/26/2020 12:41 PM	Ms Anne Floyd	9509 Treymore Drive, Raleigh, NC 27617	True	<p>I suggest making Early Voting more flexible and allowing counties to decide what they want to offer. In order to be socially distant and convenient to more voters in my county, I want to see more sites open for fewer/highest-use hours. I know my county is under budget constraints so making sure that my county BOE has flexibility to make a schedule that works for more voters means that we can have more voters use EV but more evenly distributed and not standing in long lines.</p>
05/26/2020 12:43 PM	Adam Graham-Squire	213 Kensington Road, Greensboro, NC 27403	True	<p>This is a good bill. You could make it better by adding the following items:</p>

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05/26/2020 12:44 PM	Rev. Karen Ziegler	1203 Shepherd St, Durham, NC 27707	True	<p>It should be passed!</p> <p>Please pass this bill. Why would you not pass it other than blatant voter suppression?? This is not a partisan issue. If the Republicans vote against it we will know for sure they do not believe in democracy.</p>
05/26/2020 12:45 PM	Ms. Rochelle Reed	1512 Kennon Rd, Garner, North Carolina 27529	True	<p>I want to have my input on the possibility of statewide voting alternative options, and also alternatives to having election polling sites as hotspots for the coronavirus. We should never have to be forced to decide between and casting our political voting right. Please give this bill your full support.</p>
05/26/2020 12:45 PM	Ms. Rochelle Reed	1512 Kennon Rd, Garner, North Carolina 27529	True	<p>I want to have my input on the possibility of statewide voting alternative options, and also alternatives to having election polling sites as hotspots for the coronavirus. We should never have to be forced to decide between and casting our political voting right. Please give this bill your full support.</p>
05/26/2020 12:46 PM	Lynn Andrews	2124 Sprunt Ave, Durham, NC 27705	True	<p>As a former poll worker and a high-risk voter due to age and health problems, I believe we should do everything possible</p>

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				to make it easy and safe for citizens to request and cast ballots during this worldwide pandemic. Drop-off or mail-in ballots with prepaid postage are convenient, create a paper trail, and cannot be hacked. Support democracy by supporting HB 1169.
05/26/2020 12:47 PM	Richard Poole	1955 Prestwick Lane, Wilmington, NC 28405	True	<p>Congratulations and thank you for moving this bill forward.</p> <p>Please do everything possible to make voting safer and more accessible this year. This should include several steps beyond the provisions presently in House Bill 1169. It should also include extended voter registration deadlines, flexibility in early voting schedules (critical, given the difficulty of recruiting poll workers!), secure drop boxes for absentee ballots, and return envelopes with postage paid for absentee ballots.</p>
05/26/2020 12:48 PM			True	I would like to see an easy-to-use online portal to request an absentee ballot that is made available to all voters. It would also be important to have an easy mechanism to check that my county BOE received my request, and ultimately received my ballot.
05/26/2020 12:49 PM	Dr J Stanton	PO Box 643, Brevard, NC 28719	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO photo ID in 2020. • Extend the 25-day limit and allowing online voter registration for other agency clients. • Give flexibility back to the counties to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HAVA IDs should be acceptable for use in the absentee ballot request application. • Require the one-witness requirement be clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope. • Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.
05/26/2020 12:49 PM	Ms. Janet Kuykendall	973 Mauney Cove Rd., Waynesville, NC 28786	True	Ensure equal party representation of poll workers, ballot collection and counting. I like the installation of ballot boxes as well.
05/26/2020 12:49 PM	Mr Neil McPhee	41 Gray Duster Circle, Biltmore Lake, North Carolina 28715	True	Please support HB1169. Every citizen should be provided the opportunity to vote safely and conveniently and this bill moves that objective in the right direction. Please also support extended early voting.
05/26/2020 12:50 PM	DR Jessica Barnhill	3310 Waterbury Drive, Durham, NC 27707	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Current voter ID requirements are reasonable and satisfactory -- the added requirement for a photo ID is an unnecessary and costly burden for voters, and it has been shown to discriminate against minority voters in particular, who are 2.5 - 6 times more likely to lack photo ID, compared to non-Hispanic white voters. See https://journalistsresource.org/studies/politics/elections/voter-photo-id-law-research/ · The bill does not address barriers to voter registration. It should extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration, and provide for

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				<p>online registration more generally, and not just limit it to drivers' license and state ID holders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The bill needs to give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that ensure safe in-person voting. · The bill should allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. · The bill should provide prepaid postage for mail-in ballots
05/26/2020 12:51 PM	Kevin Boyd	2751 Winslow Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27103	True	<p>This Bill is a helpful step towards securing our elections and ensuring they are free and fair.</p> <p>In addition, please adopt the following goals and add the necessary language to a final draft:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extend voter registration deadlines - Give flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options - Provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters
05/26/2020 12:51 PM	Ms. Amy White	278 Windago Road, Weaverville, NC 28787	True	<p>Please make voting easier and safer for all residents, especially during this unprecedented time in the last century of our nation's history. Please pass HB1169.</p>
05/26/2020 12:55 PM	Mrs. Donna Mergliano	115 Sagebrush Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	<p>HB 1169 is a good start toward making voting</p>

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				<p>accessible to all in Nov. At 80 and 78 respectively, my husband and I plan to vote absentee and would like to see the process be as voter friendly as possible; e.g., no witness requirement which is an impossibility for people living alone in time of staying home, and especially no photo id requirement. I appreciate the amount of Covid19 funding already allotted to safe voting but ask that you ensure sufficient funding to provide necessary poll workers and election workers and equipment to handle the expectedly large influx of absentee ballots.</p> <p>Thank you. Donna Mergliano</p>
05/26/2020 12:56 PM	Dr. Kristie Mather	709 Emory Dr., Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	<p>Thank you for discussing how we can maintain the ability for all citizens to vote while staying home during this pandemic.</p> <p>These aspects of the bill are critical: Lowering the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot Making requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots as well Offering flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers so we can better</p>

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				<p>address potential poll worker shortages</p> <p>Providing resources so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected and voters can cast a ballot safely</p> <p>I feel the following components should be added to the bill:</p> <p>Extending voter registration deadlines</p> <p>Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options</p> <p>Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters</p> <p>Thank you, Kristie Mather</p>
05/26/2020 12:56 PM	Dr. Rachael Wooten	2721 Kittrell Dr., Raleigh, State 27608-1519	True	<p>I absolutely support this bill passing. It is essential to have ethical voting circumstances so as many voices can be heard as possible, during this unprecedented and dangerous time. Never, and I do mean, NEVER has the right to vote been more important. It is no exaggeration to say: our lives clearly depend on it.</p>