

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

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05/26/2020 01:00 PM	1957 PATRICIA CLARK	5812 N BEAVER LANE, RALEIGH, NC 27604	True	<p>Voting is the foundation of our democracy. We must do everything we can to ensure access for all voters. I urge you 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), 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>
05/26/2020 01:03 PM	Ms. Jan Sturgis	1 Sunset Lane, Asheville, NC 28804	True	<p>Experts say record numbers of North Carolina voters will try to take advantage of mail-in voting this year. Still more North Carolinians will use in-person voting and need sanitary, safe voting options that allow for social distancing. Financial assistance and changes to current rules are needed for state and local election officials to begin the hard work of planning for both.</p> <p>But to get these reforms implemented in time for the upcoming election, our lawmakers must immediately pass legislation that provides for safe in-person voting, expands access to voting-by-mail, and provides a financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties.</p>
05/26/2020 01:03 PM	Dr. David Sices	750 Weaver Dairy Rd. Apt. 140, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	I feel very strongly that this bill should pass!
05/26/2020 01:03 PM	Pamela Frome	5417 Whisperwood Drive, Durham, NC 27713	True	<p>To the House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>The House Elections and Ethics Committee needs to make amendments to HB 1169. There are so many unknowns about what impact the pandemic will have on our election, so HB1169 must provide additional measures to make sure that voters do not have to risk their health to vote. In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB 1169 must do more to protect voters, such as:</p> <p>- remove the confusing photo voter ID language that has already been blocked by two separate courts, we should not have any requirements for photo IDs to vote in 2020;</p> <p>-allow more access to vote registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines;</p>

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				<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 or other government-issued ID);</p> <p>-expand safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to the 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 Envelope; and</p> <p>-allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.</p> <p>These additions would give NC a better chance to avoid the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus. Citizens should not have to risk their lives in order to vote.</p> <p>As a North Carolina voters, can I count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for NC voters this month?</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
05/26/2020 01:03 PM	Mrs Laurie Goldwasset	210 Old Franklin Grove Dr , Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	<p>Voters should be able to request an absentee ballot by phone, email or fax. Since over 70% of NC households have fewer than 3 residents and we may be in the midst of another surge in Covid cases, only 1 witness should be required on the ballot. Younger poll workers should be recruited, trained and assigned according to local needs. Voter registration should be offered online to all voters, not just those with driver's licenses. Postage should be paid for the return of the ballots. MAT volunteers should be offered to long term care facilities to enable their residents voting. Polling places should set aside times for at risk voters and those that may need more time. Early voting should be expanded to reduce the lines and exposure to others. Our older citizens have been hit hard by the Coronavirus. They view voting not just as a right, but an obligation. Every effort should be made to accommodate them.</p>
05/26/2020 01:03 PM	Ms Elizabeth Guy	2204 Wilson St, Durham, NC 27705	True	<p>Please take action and pass the reforms we need now. I want mail in voting.</p>
05/26/2020 01:04 PM	Mrs. Edith Tugman	216 Cherry Drive, Boone, NC 28607	True	<p>As an elderly voter in a rural county, it feels imperative that we have the resources to guarantee our right to vote. It is only 5 months to the general election and for those of us that are vulnerable, need to know we can vote safely.</p>
05/26/2020 01:05 PM	Ms. Caren Kessler	114 Rusty Lane, Hendersonville, NC 28791	True	<p>I have just read HB 1169. I applaud the changes to requesting and returning the requests for absentee ballots. I also support the use of the bar code to track returned ballots and the approval of the matching state funds to receive the</p>

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				<p>federal monies.</p> <p>I think having places for two witness signatures on the container return envelope is misleading since the proposed law requires only one witness signature. I would request that the envelope clearly indicate that ONE witness signature is sufficient. I live alone and getting one witness signature will be extremely difficult. I do not want people to be confused and think they need two.</p> <p>Also I object strongly to the inclusion of the voter ID requirement for in-person voting. Current court decisions have halted the ability to require voter ID when voting. I do not think the NC legislature should flout the decisions of the courts. Let the court process be completed.</p> <p>I appreciate the generous amount of time that North Carolinians have for One Stop voting, but I think counts BOEs having some flexibility to adjust hours to meet local demands would be useful.</p> <p>Finally, I am very concerned about the limited options that people have to register to vote before the general election in the fall. What additional provisions can you suggest so that people have access to voter registration opportunities? We need more publicity for the option available online at the DOT.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments.</p>
05/26/2020 01:08 PM	Ms Dale Mendoza	116 White Horse Run, Bahama, NC 27503	True	Please keep NC a democracy and get as many citizens voting as possible!
05/26/2020 01:08 PM	Mr Joe Detaranto	7121 Barefoot Forest Drive, Charlotte, NC 28269	True	Safe, remote voting measures should be in place for this fall's elections.
05/26/2020 01:09 PM	Ms Juliette Pahl	4604 Pleasant Grove Church Rd, Raleigh, NC 27613	True	<p>I was widowed within months of retiring to Raleigh. I am very active in both nonpartisan and Democratic groups, and I have been aghast at the shenanigans of Republican lawmakers gerrymandering this State like a prize on the Wheel of Fortune.</p> <p>Because of the chaos this year, I fully support absentee ballots and I would like to see them easier to access and complete. Two witnesses — okay, you can ask your neighbors if, like me, you have no living relatives. The big hang-up is the requirement of a notary. Banks and notaries charge for their services, and it isn't right that people have to PAY TO VOTE!</p> <p>I would like to see a temporary mandate that no notary will charge for sealing a mail-in ballot. I would also like clergy to be an acceptable stand-in for a notary. And that mail-in ballots should be postage free, available early, and accepted and counted as a vote a full two weeks after the election date.</p> <p>One of the groups I am an ardent member</p>

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				of is Tuesdays with Tillis, and since the quarantine, we haven't lost sight of the senator, but we have expanded our service reach-out enormously. I am on the Food Impoverished committee, and I bring this up because there are many that we are trying to help who don't have the means to purchase a stamp, or pay a notary fee. We must make this and all elections possible for everyone to participate in. It is the right of citizenship, the right for which both my father and my husband risked their lives in battlefields.
05/26/2020 01:10 PM	Reverend Willard Bass	603 Peters Creek Parkway, Winston Salam, NC 27103	True	In times of hardship we must continue as a state to provide accessible and reasonable means for NC voters to cast their one-vote one-citizen! In addition to the HB 1169 criterion our legislature should include the following: <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 01:10 PM	mrs Carolyn Fehsenfeld	208 Cumberland Ave, Asheville, NC 28801	True	We tried to vote by mail in the last election and found it very cumbersome. Allowing people to ask for a ballot by email and getting rid of the witnesses would be a great start. During the pandemic, allowances really should be made to the methods and time allowed for voting. We all need to care and be aware. And voters will react in their voting to how our leaders treat us.
05/26/2020 01:10 PM	Mr. David Thomas	2479 Briar Chapel Parkway, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	Support safe voting!!!
05/26/2020 01:12 PM	Mrs. Erin Isgett	8405 Old Ponderosa Circle, Raleigh, NC 27603	True	<p>I am 39 years old and need a way to safely vote by mail from home. I don't have two other adults living in my house, and we need a bipartisan bill to make mail voting easier, safe and secure.</p> <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. We need to make sure that county BOE's have 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> <p>I suggest that NCGA add postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE, making sure that votes are 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 have worked well in other states, and</p>

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				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.
				Thank you for your time and consideration.
05/26/2020 01:13 PM	Chris Pfitzer	1604 Evergreen Ave, Raleigh, NC 27603	True	I am 50 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 that will make mail voting easier, safe and secure.
05/26/2020 01:14 PM	Mrs judith barton	118 Wolf's Trail, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	In these virus times, make it as easy as possible for people to vote!
05/26/2020 01:14 PM	Ms. Nicole Hensley	415 Monticello Ave Apt, Suite, Bldg. (optional), DURHAM, North Carolina 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. 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> <p>Democracy depends on candidates and</p>
05/26/2020 01:15 PM	Erin Hammeke	613 Pleasant Dr., Durham, NC 27703	True	

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05/26/2020 01:16 PM	Mr. Lawrence Herst	Durham, North Carolina 27707	True	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I am 66 years old and need a way to safely vote by mail from home. I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill will make mail voting easier, safe and secure.• 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 votes are
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05/26/2020 01:17 PM	Mrs. Cynthia Wertz	425 Olde Oaks Lane, Pittsboro, NC 27312	True	<p>Please support this bill. I am 77 and do not want to take the risk of getting the coronavirus by going to my polling place to vote. Nor do I want to be a risk to the poll workers. I am a long time voter and want to feel safe to exercise my right to vote. Also, I do not think I should have to be exposed to people coming to my house to witness by ballot selection. Please allow me to vote safely by mail.</p>
05/26/2020 01:19 PM	Good first steps Shahpour Akhavi	122 Hillcrest Road 7, Raleigh, NC 27605-1769	True	<p>I support the easing of burdens on voting especially during this time of pandemic. I hope the provisions of this bill removing the burden of finding witnesses for one's vote, easing the steps to request an absentee ballot and providing for increased sanitation at polls become law.</p>
05/26/2020 01:19 PM	Dr. Richard Hester	1548 Moonstone Drive, Matthews, NC 28105	True	<p>I strongly support this legislation. I think it is imperitave that we have a safe way for people to vote by mail in the climate of uncertainty about the pandemic and its ongoing threat in the months ahead. Also, I believe that voting by mail is the fairest way for everyone to have a reasonable chance to cast their ballot in the months and years to come beyond the danger of the pandemic. I am counting on the General Assembly to pass this legislation.</p>
05/26/2020 01:19 PM	Sarah Ladd	708 Guilford Ave, Greensboro, NC 27401	True	<p>Please support this bill to make absentee voting more accessible and efficient by reducing the need can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot,</p> <p>By 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>By providing flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers so we can better address potential poll worker shortages</p> <p>By providing resources so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected and voters can cast a ballot safely</p> <p>I would also support 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>Thank you for supporting the voting rights</p>

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05/26/2020 01:20 PM	Kathleen Roney	3804 Echo Farms Blvd , Wilmington , Nc 28412	True	Please pass this bill to make things equal and safe for North Carolinans during elections
05/26/2020 01:21 PM	Mrs Margaret Clemen	3805 Westcrest St 2419, Durham, NC 27707	True	<p>With hospitalized cases of COVID on the rise we must make it safe and easy for all North Carolinians to vote. We must make voting possible for citizens with asthma or other underlying conditions, or in high risk groups. These Voters exist in all political parties. I think the bill should be amended in the following ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It should make on-line voter registration easier and not restrict it to NC Drivers Licenses or ID s. 2. Deadlines for Voter registration Need to be extended. 3. Counties need flexibility to create longer and safer early voting possible. 4. Contactless drop boxes need to be provided for drop off of absentee ballots. 5. Mail-in ballots need to be pre-paid. 6. Current voter ID requirements are reasonable and satisfactory -- the added requirement for a photo ID is an unnecessary and costly burden for voters 7. Thank you for the provisions in the bill that would: relax some poll worker recruitment requirements, reduce vote-by-mail witnesses to one, enable online requests for absentee ballots and provide a 20% funding match to release Federal CARES Act election funds to NC. Please keep these.
05/26/2020 01:22 PM	Dr. Sonia Archer-Capuzzo	3505 Park Hill Dr, Greensboro, NC 27410	True	<p>This bill is an excellent first step to ensuring that this fall's election is fair and accessible to all eligible voters in NC. Especially considering that risks posed by the COVID-19 virus, these measures are essential.</p>
05/26/2020 01:22 PM	At risk voter safe voting Oleg Nepliouev	3725 Knollwood dr, Durham, North Carolina 27712	True	I am a voter who has at risk family and this bill is needed to protect them.
05/26/2020 01:22 PM	Dr. Amanda Matson	2809 Barmettler St., Raleigh, NC 27607	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</p>

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05/26/2020 01:23 PM	Mr Eric Thomas	2738 Sevier St, Durham, NC 27705	True	<p>I am writing to let yiou know that I am in favor of the provisions of HB-1169. Anything we can do that makes voting easier and safer in this time of pandemic disease is a good idea. I urge the members of the North Carolina legislature to pass this bill as soon as possible and to fully implement its provisions in time for this year's elections.</p>
05/26/2020 01:23 PM	Cynthia Whiteside	231 Nortwick Road, Rolesville, NC 27571	True	<p>I am in favor of allowing Voting by mail in order to protect the precinct workers and the voters, especially if there is no vaccine available to protect against COVID-19.</p>
05/26/2020 01:24 PM	Ms. Carolyn Guckert	2815 Mayview Road, Raleigh, NC 27607	True	<p>Please pass this bill to make elections safer and accessible to all voters in these uncertain times. Allow us ALL to vote!</p>
05/26/2020 01:25 PM	Mr Bob Hunter	127 Chapel Dr, LakeJunaluska , Nc 28745	True	<p>Please support House Bill 1169. It is the right thing to do. We do not need to use ways to suppress individuals the right to vote. Do what is right and vote for House Bill 1169! Thank you</p>
05/26/2020 01:25 PM	Mr Gordon Livermore	201 Vanderbilt Court, Durham, NC 27705	True	<p>My wife and I are 76 and 77 years old, respectively, and would very much benefit by having a mail-in ballot option during a time when we would like to minimize our possible exposure to people who might be infected with COVID-19.</p>
05/26/2020 01:26 PM	Dr. Paul Koptak	1267 WALKER RD, WAYNESVILLE, NC 28786-7858	True	<p>Please give your attention to protecting citizens' right to vote in the following ways: 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. Thank you.</p>
05/26/2020 01:26 PM	Ms Josephine Schulz	10606 Whittersham Drive, Charlotte , NC	True	<p>With consideration to limitations imposed</p>

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05/26/2020 01:27 PM	Dr. Victor Hoffman	646 Huntingdon Street, Elon, North Carolina 27244	True	This bill contains much that will making voting safer and healthier for everyone.
05/26/2020 01:27 PM	Support for H.R. 1169 Richard Sanders	31 Silver Darter Lane , Candler , NC 28715	True	Please do your utmost to make it possible for all those eligible to vote are given the greatest opportunity to register and then to vote, including by mail or even online.
05/26/2020 01:28 PM	Ms Chelsea Earles	1709 Glendale Ave., Durham, NC 27701	True	We need protections and funding do that we can safely exercise our democratic right to vote in NC!
05/26/2020 01:28 PM	Mr Thomas Taylor	4209 Cape Landing Road, Castle Hayne , NC 228429	True	Let’s do something in the best interest for the people of North Carolina. Why would you want us to choose between voting or expose yourself to COVID -19.
05/26/2020 01:29 PM	Ms Mary Lucas	3000 Galloway Rdg G303, Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-8639	True	Please allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, Allow using HAVA ids for mail in ballot requests to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck) Allow out of county poll workers Do not require uniform hours at all polling sites
05/26/2020 01:30 PM	Mt Steve Roberts	202 s 3 rd st apt 10, Wilmington, 28401	True	We need paper ballots!
05/26/2020 01:30 PM	Mt Steve Roberts	202 s 3 rd st apt 10, Wilmington, 28401	True	We need paper ballots!
05/26/2020 01:31 PM	mr ethan lindley	375 s allen rd, wake forest, NC 27587	True	include extended early voting,allow counties to extend polling places
05/26/2020 01:32 PM			True	This is an important bill for the safety of North Carolinians. It takes some important steps to protect the electorate, like lowering the signature requirement, making it easier to request absentee ballots (online option!), offering flexibility to counties for assigning poll workers (who are usually our most at-risk elderly neighbors), and providing resources for sanitizing polling locations. It would be great to expand the protections even further to include extended voter registration deadlines, allowing counties to create/customize their own early voting plans, and providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters. Thank you!
05/26/2020 01:33 PM	Mr. Andrew Silver	6 Sedley Pl, Durham, NC 27705	True	Please support house bill 1169 to expand early and absentee voting in elections to allow voters safety in a time of pandemic. It is a good bill but can be improved in many ways, including Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters. Also I suggest that, as in many states like Oregon, which have all mail-in elections without problems, no witness should be required for absentee ballots. Many voters will still want to cast votes in person, and for them sufficient parking space and staff should be available for

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05/26/2020 01:34 PM	Rev Para Drake	1007 Vickers Ave, Durham, NC 27707	True	I support house bill 1169. Our state needs to protect citizens as we exercise our right to vote.
05/26/2020 01:35 PM	Dr Michael Norman	213 Summermore Drive, Charlotte, NC 28270-6013	True	Please support this legislation in order to keep the vote available to all registered North Carolinians,. independent of race, or socioeconomic status!
05/26/2020 01:35 PM	Susan Preston	221 E Avondale Dr, Greensboro, NC 27403	True	Please vote yes on House Bill 1169 Elections2020. It is vital to our democracy to give everyone easy access to voting.
05/26/2020 01:36 PM	Patty Courtright	Green Willow, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	<p>I am writing about HB 1169. While I very much appreciate the effort to expand opportunities for North Carolinians to vote safely this year I have several concerns about the way the bill is currently written. Most concerning is the addition of a requirement for a photo ID in 2020. This is totally unnecessary, so please remove this condition from the bill. In addition, please add the following to increase voting access for all our voters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Expand voter registration opportunities by extending the 25-day limit and allowing online voter registration; *Give flexibility back to the counties to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation in their county; *Require that the one-witness requirement be clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope; and *Allow an option for contactless drop-box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. <p>Thank you very much.</p>
05/26/2020 01:37 PM	Chris Mitchell	174 Beacon Ridge Blvd, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	<p>I am in support of creating the safest environment for voting in elections in 2020. It is unfair to ask the citizens of North Carolina to risk their health and their lives for in-person only voting. Citizens should be allowed to vote in a manner that does not require they come in close contact with others to either vote in person, or certify their vote (via witnesses or some other requirement for close proximity to others). It seems logical that voting can take place either by mail or even via the internet. Other private sector entities (banks etc.) have figured out how to secure our information without the need for human interaction. It is my belief that our government could and should determine how to do the same.</p> <p>I am proud to be a citizen of this great state. Please do your best to insure you are letting our voices be heard while protecting the safety of the constituents you took an oath to represent and protect.</p> <p>Kind Regards, Chris Mitchell</p>
05/26/2020 01:37 PM	Ms Ann Fawcett	2120 Camrose Street, Raleigh, NC 27608	True	Please provide resources to precincts so that the polls can be sanitized to protect poll workers and voters who choose to

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				<p>vote in person. Also it is important to all voters, especially seniors, that voters have the right to request an absentee ballot for elections and for the process to be as easy and efficient as possible to request a ballot and to mail in/drop off the ballot. The cornerstone of this country is free and fair elections. This will only happen if everyone is given a choice of how they choose to vote - in person or by absentee ballot.</p>
05/26/2020 01:37 PM	Amy Weiss Friedman	221 Landsbury Dr, Durham, NC 27707	True	<p>I believe that requirement for a photo ID is unnecessary given current ID requirements. This bill should address barriers to voter registration and allow for greater participation in the process by extending early voting options and allowing safe options including mail-in ballots with postage paid return envelopes.</p>
05/26/2020 01:38 PM	Laura Tanzini	2901 Sap Ln, Raleigh, NC 27603	True	<p>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 01:38 PM	Dr. Joseph Woolley	1509 Blount St., 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,</p> <p>--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</p> <p>--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. 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</p>

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				<p>you to support amendments that would expand HB1169’s basic protections for North Carolina voters this month?</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Joe Woolley</p>
05/26/2020 01:38 PM	Ms Betty Byron	20 Wheelwright Ct, Greensboro, NC 27455	True	Every citizen should be encouraged to vote. We need to respond to this by providing the opportunity to participate be it in person or absentee ballot. Requiring two witnesses or a notary to be present is truly a hardship for many. Include all citizens, it’s your duty.
05/26/2020 01:39 PM	Dr Mary Monroe	54 Milton Ct, Pittsboro , NC 27315	True	Protect our right to vote safely expand HB1167
05/26/2020 01:39 PM	Ms nancy moore	PO Box 621 pop, Asheville, NC 28802	True	Voting should be easily available to All.
05/26/2020 01:40 PM	Gerry Cohen	8909 Taymouth Ct, Raleigh, NC 27613	True	I urge the General Assembly to take swift action on any election law legislation. Mail ballots go out beginning just 100 days from the May 27 committee meeting which means quick action will be needed to allow instructions and ballot envelopes to be printed – with perhaps well over a million mail ballots likely to be applied for, and an application portal to be implemented. Time is of the essence to allow a well run election to be conducted. If more changes are made in the bill, please make sure they can be administered properly and work together with other election processes.
05/26/2020 01:41 PM	Mrs Debra Walker	319 Elam Avenue, Ramseur, NC 27316	True	Please protect our vote
05/26/2020 01:43 PM	Ms. Sonna Loewenthal	104 Porter Place, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	I am 75 years old and want to be able o vote by mail. I ask you to provide for poll workers from outside the precinct, for secure drop-off boxes for completed ballots, for funding for NCBOE to use postage paid envelopes for absentee ballots, and to give county Boards of Elections some flexibility in scheduling and locating early voting polling places. We can't allow the corona virus to destroy our democracy!!
05/26/2020 01:43 PM	Ms. Betty Gunz	1409 Maryland Ave , Charlotte , NC 28209	True	Protect our right to vote.
05/26/2020 01:45 PM	Tami von Isakovics	710 E 7th St. 407, Charlotte, NC 28202	True	<p>Hello leaders,</p> <p>Please pass this bill and make it as easy as possible for all citizens to cast their ballots remotely. Democracy depends on it!</p> <p>Thank you, Tami</p>
05/26/2020 01:47 PM			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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				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. 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.
				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?
				Thank you.
05/26/2020 01:50 PM	Mr tim STRUTTMANN	2903 Laws Store Road, Hurdle Mills, NC 27541	True	In this time when going to the grocery store is dangerous, NC must make vote-by-mail or absentee ballots easy to obtain and to return. Each of these steps is needed: mail every voter an application to vote absentee, reduce the number of witnesses to one since few households have two other adults, cover postage for an absentee ballot to be mailed. Every County BOE should have a designated phone number to answer questions and check status of voters who are applying to vote absentee.
				Give authority and flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting.
				Build mail in ballot processes, and provide pre-paid postage for mail in ballots.
05/26/2020 01:52 PM	Gail Barger	1503 Fairmont Street, Greensboro, NC 27403	True	Don't hesitate, do the right thing! Tim
				Please support HB 1169 to Lower the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot. Make requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the

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				<p>option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots as well</p> <p>Offer flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers so we can better address potential poll worker shortages and</p> <p>provides resources so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected and voters can cast a ballot safely</p>
				<p>We need a few more items included in the bill, that are not in the bill, such as:</p>
				<p>Extention of voter registration deadlines, Give flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options And to provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters</p>
05/26/2020 01:52 PM	Ann Bruffy	64 Canvasback Ct, Brevard, NC 28712	True	I have a right to SAFE VOTING options
05/26/2020 01:53 PM	Select... Mary Palmer	2 Treetop Rd, Asheville, North Carolina 28804-6202	True	Voting is a right not a privilege. There is absolutely no valid reason not to allow mail in voting available to everyone.
05/26/2020 01:53 PM	Dr. A. Bakarr Kanu	4588 Silo Ridge Ct., Clemmons, NC 27012	True	Every voter must have access to vote in 2020 by mail, early voting, or in person; however, they choose to do it. Every American has the right to participate in our democracy during a health crisis. It is undemocratic to create a barrier that prevents people from voting. Let us design a bipartisan process that will make mail voting easier, safe, and secure. I also suggest that NCGA add postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE, making sure we count every vote.
05/26/2020 01:54 PM	frederick lane	2456 Lorraine Ct S, PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL 32082	False	<p>Let us vote and throughout the republicans.</p> <p>Of Course republicans are fascist at heart. An honest vote will stop them now.</p>
05/26/2020 01:55 PM	Ms. Susan Usher	1597-A Denton St, Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469	True	<p>I believe very strongly in making vote-by-mail available to ALL registered voters. If people who CHOOSE to live abroad can vote by mail, then people who CHOOSE to stay in America should have the same privilege. I have family members in other states, including an elderly aunt, who vote only by mail. They love it. For working people, it means not waiting in long lines at the beginning or end of the day to vote... or missing it altogether because you work two jobs or share a vehicle, or have to work late. In the past I have taken advantage of Early Voting every time it has been available at hours I could participate. Wouldn't be appropriate to let each Board of Elections figure out its own plan since they know the area they serve?</p> <p>I also believe we need to improve access to voter registration, especially during these uncertain times. We can do that by extending mail-in and online deadlines. And why couldn't we use a variety of ID documents to request/register for mail-in</p>

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				voting, including items like a paycheck, bank statement or utility bill. We need to make voting . . . which is a right, as well as a privilege and a responsibility . . . easier for those eligible to do so, not harder. I would love to see everyone in America who is eligible to vote care enough to do it, and to be able to do it conveniently. Thank you for allowing me to comment.
05/26/2020 01:55 PM	Susan Koesters	37 Lakeshore Dr, Weaverville, NC 28787	True	I urge the legislature to expand HB 1169 so that more citizens can vote safely by allowing more access to voting registration, extending early voting, improving safely at personal voting sites and removing barriers to voting by mail.
05/26/2020 01:57 PM	Ms. Christine Hale	309 Old Farm School Rd., Asheville, NC 28805	True	Please pass House Bill 1169 to relax some poll worker recruitment requirements, reduce vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and provide a financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties. During pandemic times, North Carolinians need safe, effective ways to exercise our FREEDOM to vote! Please also look closely at bipartisan recommendations not addressed in this bill that could protect even more voters.
05/26/2020 01:57 PM	Mrs Amee Stewart	514 Jay Shambley Rd, Pittsboro, NC 27312	True	Take out the photo ID requirement entirely and please provide a stamped envelope to return the absentee ballot. Also need all counties to have paper backup system.
05/26/2020 01:58 PM	Ms. Julia Welch	405 N. Elliott Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	I support this bill. I also support a flexible system for spreading information on how to vote by mail. The process is simplified by this bill, BUT voting by mail is still hard to understand, and I fear many voters need verbal and visual guidance on how to fill out the outside of the envelope properly.
05/26/2020 01:59 PM	Mary Heath	450 Pebble Creek Dr, Cary, NC 27511	True	Please consider: extending voter registration deadline, providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes, flexibility to counties when creating early voting. Thanks for this effort on this bill.
05/26/2020 01:59 PM	MS Eileen Howe	13031 Meadowmere Road, Huntersville, NC 28078	True	<p>A recent email requesting input on Vote By Mail options for the November election provided several options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request absentee ballot and mail it in during the mail in period. 2. Request absentee ballot and take it directly to post office or poling place on national election day. 3. Or, if you want to cast your ballot at a poling place, "throw mail in ballot away" and vote at your designated poling place. <p>Number 3 is not a good idea because it could cause a voting fraud situation should someone find a blank discarded ballot and decide to mark it and send it in. BIG PROBLEM FOR EITHER PARTY. Suggestion: tell them to bring their mail in ballot to the poling place, turn it in, and proceed to use the voting machines.</p>

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				Please make this correction for the safety and smooth operation of November voting. Lets make sure there are no hick ups as we had during the last election. Respectfully, Eileen Howe
05/26/2020 01:59 PM	Mrs Joan Eastman	2 Heath Place, Durham, nc 27705	True	My husband is 69 years old and his medical status is compromised. I am 66 years old. We both need a way to safely vote by mail from home because we risk our health by exposure at the polls. I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill will make mail voting easier, safe and secure. Please support voting by mail!
05/26/2020 02:00 PM	Ms. Sherry Casuccio	4201 Castlewood Rd., Charlotte, NC 28209	True	Every eligible voter deserves to safely and securely vote. I take my civic duty seriously and vote in every local and national election. Voting by mail eliminates the potential health risk that could be present at polling places when we vote this November. Please make this option available to the residents of NC and send out applications for mail-in ballots.
05/26/2020 02:01 PM	Ms. Phyllis Nunn	233 Buck Jones Rd, Raleigh, NC 27606	True	WE WANT FAIR ELECTIONS!! WE WANT OUR RIGHT TO VOTE PROTECTED! WE WANT TO VOTE BY MAIL DURING THIS PANDEMIC!!
05/26/2020 02:01 PM	Dr Kerry Bullock-Ozkan	104 Pine Hill Dr, Carrboro, ORANGE 27510	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. 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>

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05/26/2020 02:01 PM	Jack Campbell	418 N. Trade St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830	True	<p>HB 1169 goes a long way toward improving voting procedures, but there have been bi-partisan proposals for other provisions that will make voting more accessible for those most affected by the pandemic. Please consider extending deadlines, expanding the list of ID options for online registration, and giving counties more authority to adopt procedures that best fit their needs.</p> <p>Please protect our democracy. Do not force North Carolinians to choose between their health and their right to vote. Take this opportunity to improve on HB 1169 and show North Carolinians that their votes count.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
05/26/2020 02:01 PM	Mrs. Holly Wood	1144 Linganore Place, Charlotte, NC 28203	True	If the United States is to remain a democracy, voters must have the ability to vote without fear of intimidation, harm or risk. There is zero evidence of voters committing fraud when voting by mail. To protect our at risk populations at this time, we must allow vote by mail state wide as well as taking away the barriers to do so (i.e. requiring witnesses).
05/26/2020 02:01 PM	mr Jan Johnson	13911 warwick castle way, Charlotte, NC 28277	True	I am AGAINST mail in voting. Fraud is very easy with mail in voting ballots. Absentee voting should only be for Military and Civilians deployed overseas and for the elderly that are of SOUND MIND but are unable to get to the polls. I also believe that Voting Day should be a National Holiday to facilitate maximum voter turnout at the polls.
05/26/2020 02:02 PM	Nancy Glenz	925 New Garden RD. #311, Greensboro, NC 27410	True	please support this bill. We need to make the right to vote as accessible as possible and remove as many obstacles as possible and this is a good first step.
05/26/2020 02:02 PM	Stacia Cooper	91 Dark Forest Dr , Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	With the COVID-19 pandemic, please make it easier for NC voters to cast their ballot safely. Many of us live with or are responsible for those who are in a high risk group. Please support all NC voters during this unprecedented 2020 election season.
05/26/2020 02:02 PM	Mr. Geoffrey Tuson	307 McKinley Street, Durham, NC 27705	True	I support this bill and its bipartisan origin. Having the option of requesting and using a mail-in ballot is likely to be important this fall given the presence of the COVID and the health risk it would bring to voters and poll workers. I thank the legislature for this improvement.
05/26/2020 02:02 PM	Ms Evelyn Neel Stallings	4930 Montclair Avenue, Charlotte, 282122912	True	I am 72 years old, a two-time breast cancer survivor and live alone. It's important that I am able to safely vote by mail from home. I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill will make mail voting easier, safe and secure.

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05/26/2020 02:03 PM	Mrs Mary P Kelly	12000 Raspberry Ln, Raleigh, NC 27614	True	Voting is pivotal to our Federal & State constitutions. As elected officials I expect the NC General Assembly to help voters. While HB 1169 could do more to help Citizens vote, it is an acceptable first step. As a constituent, I urge you to support the bill.
05/26/2020 02:04 PM	Susan Sunger	516 N Bloodworth, Raleigh, NC 27604	True	One person. One vote. That's how democracy works. Please make nail in-voting more available.
05/26/2020 02:05 PM	Laurie Childres	1745 4TH STREET CT NE, HICKORY, NC 28601	True	House Bill 1169 is extremely important and is a step in the right direction for our upcoming election in November, but it ignores some key bipartisan recommendations provided months ago and adds unnecessary and potentially-confusing photo voter ID language already blocked by two separate courts. Amendments to HB1169 are immediately needed in the House Elections and Ethics Committee to expand voter protections, and ensure this vital legislation does more to keep all of our state's voters safe during the 2020 election. This bill MUST 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. It's your responsibility to make these important changes to keep our election fair, safe and available for ALL to vote. Thank you.
05/26/2020 02:05 PM	Ms. Dawn Cogger	202 Poplar Dr., Elizabeth City, NC 27909	True	Everyone's vote is needed. Our people who have served our country in the armed forces have voted by mail. We need and appreciate all votes within the state of NC. During this time of an extremely infectious and life threatening virus brings this matter to the top. Thank you Dawn Cogger
05/26/2020 02:05 PM	Patrick Barnes	27 Maple Ridge Ln, Asheville, NC 28806-2905	True	I am a 71 man with a wife who has MS. She works as a poll worker.It is extremely important that she not only have a safe workplace but that as many of those who are potential victims of this illness have an alternative to voting in person rather than not voting at all
05/26/2020 02:07 PM	Mrs Anne Hauser	140 Hearthstone Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374	True	During this difficult time in our country, please vote to make sure this legislation comes to pass. We do not have any idea what summer and fall hold for us, so please make voting easier and safer for all registered voters. Thank you!
05/26/2020 02:07 PM	MR Richard Prust	750 Weaver Dairy Road, apt. 120, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514	True	I urge you to pass legislation to streamline absentee voting. I'd like to see postage free return ballots so people who don't have a stamp won't be deterred.
05/26/2020 02:08 PM	Mrs. Pamela Robbins	3613 Willow Bluff Dr, Raleigh, NC 27604	True	I am a 63 yr old and have just mailed in my request for my Absentee Ballot. I would like to see online request made available

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				verses mail in. Again the on file DMV signature should make this possible. I feel one witness should be sufficient verses 2 that is now required. I am not sure how the processing of absentee ballots have been handled in the past but I am hopeful there will be a system in place to handle the larger volume & that the ballots are processed as they arrive so there is no bottle neck along the way in counting these ballots prior to election day. NO ELECTION WINNERS SHOULD BE DECLARED UNTIL ALL VOTES ARE COUNTED. I am all for having Drop Boxes available for my absentee ballot. This would save money for the voter and/or the state. Voting should be easy, available to ALL and SECURE.
05/26/2020 02:09 PM	MS Kathleen Aitken	4125 Ashleytown Lane, Charlotte, NC 28270	True	I support this timely bill that will help sadeguard the public as well as poll workers in the November election. Additionally, it makes sense to add these provisions: extend voter registration deadlines, allow counties greater flexibility in setting early voting plans to help ensure safe in person voting, and provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters who choose this form of voting.
05/26/2020 02:10 PM	7047931434 Melissa Young	1263 Boswell Ct., Concord, NC 28027	True	Protect our vote!
05/26/2020 02:13 PM	Mr. Dan Robbins	3613 WILLOW BLUFF DR, RALEIGH, NC 27604	True	I am a 68-year-old NC voter and need a way to safely vote by mail from home. I do not have two other adults living in my household. I want to see 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 the Board of Elections 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 . I would also like to see the online portal to request an absentee ballot completed much quicker and available to all voters. I also want an online mechanism to check that my county Board of Elections received my request. It is the twenty first century. We should have simple and effective ways to make mail voting easier, safe, and secure.
05/26/2020 02:14 PM	1953 Patricia Stowe	517 Merrie Rd, Raleigh, NC 27606	True	As a member of a high risk group I would like to request that you make voting safe for the voters of North Carolina. I have voted in every election since I turned 18 except when I was on bedrest when pregnant. I take voting as an important aspect of my duties as a citizen. Please extend early voting hours and reduce the requirements for absentee voting.Thank you for your consideration.
05/26/2020 02:14 PM	Edward Peters	41 Dorchester Ave, Asheville, North Carolina 28806	True	House Elections and Ethics Committee Members: With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our

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05/26/2020 02:14 PM	Mr Joseph Harper	1070 Christmas Place , Greensboro , NC 27410	True	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:
				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. 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.
				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?
05/26/2020 02:14 PM	Margery Gates	12455 US 15 501 N, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-6023	True	Thank you.
				To not support this bill is un -American. Do everything you can to make it safe for everyone to vote.
05/26/2020 02:14 PM	Margery Gates	12455 US 15 501 N, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-6023	True	As a 70 year old, I would like to be able to vote safely, I would like to see an easy request for absentee ballot if I do not feel safe going to the poll. I stood inside in line for an hour for the primary vote. There was not room for social distancing. I expect the lines to be longer on election day. More early voting places and times would help to alleviate some of this problem and more voting places. I think the poll workers also need to feel safe. Behind plexiglass would be a start, but not enough. Shorter hours for each poll worker would also lessen the exposure to poll workers. Is there a place at the poll to drop off an absentee ballot? I have always voted in person before, but with this coronavirus, I will have to consider an absentee ballot.
05/26/2020 02:15 PM	Mrs. Barbara Hapgood	13 Friday Lane, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	Dear Members of the NC General Assembly, Thank you for your work on moving North Carolina to a safer voting environment this

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				<p>fall. While I appreciate the first steps that are being proposed, I urge you to include additional measures that will keep North Carolinians safe and expand access to democracy. We should be a model state, avoiding the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus</p> <p>It is great that HB1169 is responding to the current crisis by 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, more is need to protect our community. As such, I encourage you to expand that House Bill 1169 to include provisions that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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), 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>As we all truly care about democracy in this country, let us together make it safe and accessible. May I count on you to support and promote these amendments that would expand HB1169’s basic protections for North Carolina voters this month? I hope so.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Barbara Hapgood</p>
05/26/2020 02:16 PM	Mr. James Holcomb	7207 Harmony Church Road, Efland, NC 27243	True	<p>Please expand HB1169: Citizens of our state must be given maximum access to any and all registration and voting mechanisms. Mail-in and online deadlines should be extended. Broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots. Early-voting systems and mechanisms should be extended, enforced, and broadened to the fullest practicable extent. The right and the ease of voting should be extended, not restricted.</p>
05/26/2020 02:17 PM	Ms. Catherine Marie	3612 Morningside Dr., Raleigh, NC 27607	True	<p>I support HB 1169. We need to have a safe way for all of us to vote during this pandemic. I believe that you should also consider including the following in House Bill 1169.</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

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05/26/2020 02:18 PM	Ms. Janice Garver	13 Saint Giles Place, Asheville, NC 28803	True	<p>Thank you for reading my comments.</p> <p>Please work quickly and thoroughly to make voting in North Carolina easy and safe. In view of the Corona Virus epidemic, voting will take more time as people line up six feet apart with masks so that poll workers will remain protected, trained properly and safe. More absentee ballots need to be easy to use with plenty of time for them to be certified, filled in, received and counted. Work to simplify the forms and necessary instructions. Thank you for your work to see that all who choose to participate in the election this coming November can do so promptly and safely.</p>
05/26/2020 02:18 PM	Lydia Kwee	2908 Alderman Ln, Durham, NC 27705-9302	True	<p>Thank you for considering public comments on this important bill. As a non-partisan voting advocate and voter registration volunteer, I am extremely supportive of measures that will allow all eligible North Carolinians to cast ballots safely and appropriately. Our democracy is vitally important to protect during this pandemic - and our citizens' health is just as important.</p> <p>I fully support measures to make absentee balloting easy, such as lowering the signature requirement on absentee ballots, making requesting an absentee ballot easier, and providing for flexibility so poll workers can be assigned and protected appropriately.</p> <p>I would request additional measures be included as well in order to protect our democracy: 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> <p>Thank you so much for your consideration. We are in unprecedented times, and protecting our voters and our voting process is vitally important.</p>
05/26/2020 02:18 PM	Ms Rosemary McGee	5005 Boulder Creek Lane, Raleigh, NC 27613	True	<p>Eligibility to vote in the United States is established both through the United States Constitution and by state law. It's imperative that North Carolina voters, including but not limited to senior citizens, can vote without jeopardizing their health. With the advent of the coronavirus pandemic, absentee voting is essential and should be as made as easy as possible encouraging and supporting voter participation.</p>
05/26/2020 02:20 PM	Ms Jan Williams	526 Clarion Dr, Durham, Nc 27705	True	<p>I am 67 years old with underlying medical conditions and at risk of serious coronavirus complications. I am glad to see a bipartisan bill to make voting by mail easier. I will use that option this fall.</p>
05/26/2020 02:20 PM	Dr. Jane Clark	314 Center Dr., Davidson, NC 28036	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p>

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05/26/2020 02:20 PM	Mr Lee Harrison	3322 Fairhill Dr, Raleigh, NC 27612	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.
				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 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. 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.
				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?
				Thank you.
05/26/2020 02:20 PM	Mr Lee Harrison	3322 Fairhill Dr, Raleigh, NC 27612	True	Jane Clark
				I would 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.
05/26/2020 02:21 PM	Dr John Barnwell	8601 Carriage Tour Ln, Raleigh , NC 27615	True	Please allow counties to increase early voting sites and extend the days for early voting so as to avoid long lines and avoid close personal contact, which puts persons in my age group (over 70) at greater risk from Covid 19.
05/26/2020 02:22 PM	Mrs Mercedes Garrett	608 pine ridge dr, Greensboro , NC 27406	True	We must protect the election by giving all voters in all states the accessibility to cast their ballot safely and conveniently. Voter suppression is unamerican.
05/26/2020 02:23 PM	Mr. Joseph English	1414 Pennsylvania Avenue, Durham, NC 27705	True	Hi NC Legislature,
				My name is Joe (Joseph) English and I am registered to vote in Durham, NC. Early Voting needs more flexible, and because NC (i.e. now all 100 counties have COVID

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05/26/2020 02:23 PM	Carol Brainard	439 N Serenity Hill Circle, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	cases) is such a diverse place in certain ways, geographically and with various population centers, large and small, growing and shrinking. Counties should be able to decide the how of they can maximize voter participation in the elections. want to offer.
				Also it's really critical, and it's a nonpartisan budget item, NCGA I request add postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE, making sure that votes are counted. This is done in states with various parties in power.
				A true way to ensure timely, safely and even more efficiently obtaining election results, I would suggest 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. Again, this is a nonpartisan request. Regarding technology improvements, having an online simple portal to request absentee ballots that could be connected to the DMV software system registration is a no-brainer. And my ideal tech request would be that a voter could check online if their absentee had received and approved as valid.
				And please, please, please, do not forget the rights voters that happen to be in jail but maybe awaiting trial or in prison because of misdemeanor convictions. This may be challenging to address, but that not disenfranchise them.
				Thank you and most humbly, Joe English, 1414 Pennsylvania Avenue, Durham, NC 27705
05/26/2020 02:23 PM	Carol Brainard	439 N Serenity Hill Circle, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	We must be able to vote by mail-in ballot without needing a notarized or witness signature. EVERY VOTER SHOULD RECEIVE A BALLOT IN THE MAIN WITHOUT EVEN HAVING TO SEND IN AN APPLICATION OR ONE.
05/26/2020 02:24 PM	Mr Charles Underwood	406 s. Cliffdale dr., Winston Salem, Nc 27104	True	I strongly, urgently support this vitally-needed bill.
05/26/2020 02:27 PM	Robert McGee	5005 Boulder Creek Lane, Raleigh, NC 27613	True	Every effort should be made to insure that everyone has an opportunity to exercise their right to vote. Vote by mail is an essential option, particularly in light of the current pandemic
05/26/2020 02:28 PM	Linda Duda	4210 Tyndrum Dr, Durham, NC 27705	True	I really want to be able to request an absentee ballot online and to have a simple way to make sure that the BOE received my request. Also, I would like to see drop boxes set up around the county. I have an underlying medical condition and feel strongly about staying safe and healthy. It is also VERY important to me that I am able to cast my ballot as I have done for my entire adult life. Thank you

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05/26/2020 02:29 PM	Mrs. Elizabeth Miller	610 Sasser St, Raleigh, NC 27604-1920	True	I am in support of this bill as a necessary step to ensure we have safe access to voting this November, given the uncertainty regarding our current Pandemic. Every eligible voter should have the option to vote by absentee ballot and not risk their health in order to vote.
05/26/2020 02:29 PM	Mrs Lee Sisk	21 Oakwood Dr, MARION, NC 28752	True	This would be a good start!
05/26/2020 02:31 PM	Mrs Sandra Vermillion	2625 Circa Dr, Matthews, NC 28105	True	The NC legislature needs to pass laws taking into account the situation of this pandemic! Allow mail in votes as well as polling stations.
05/26/2020 02:32 PM	7036294770 William R. & Meg B. Clontz	141 Lambeth Dr, Asheville, NC 28803	True	Surely this is one of the more important and common sense items of legislation before this GA. This is the minimum we should do to support voter access and public health safety. This bill would be better were it to provide secure absentee drop boxes, allow counties some flexibility in early voting processes (as long as variations increase, do not decrease, access) and extend voter registration deadlines in these exceptional times. Please do all you can to ensure this legislation passes and has as many of the aforementioned features as possible. Thank you.
05/26/2020 02:34 PM	Ms. Emily Pelka	510 N. Wilmington Street 321, Raleigh, NC 27604	True	I fully support expanding access to absentee voting, including but not limited to the lowering of witness signature requirement, and offering additional options to request absentee ballots (via the internet, fax, or phone- in addition to mail or in person). I also think poll workers deserve safe conditions and proper equipment and access to sanitation products to keep themselves and in-person voters safe. I think early voting periods/deadlines should be extended to increase flexibility, and I also think secure ballot drop boxes for early voting are a good idea. It should not be dangerous or difficult to vote in our country.
05/26/2020 02:35 PM	Mrs Jeanne Powell	10867 NC Highway 18 North, Ennice , NC 28623	True	This year, more than ever before, it is SO important that as many people who want to vote are able to vote! Any and all obstacles, perceived or real, need to be removed so that NC has the largest turnout ever. This way, elected officials can be assured that they are representing a majority of their constituents and that the majority of constituents can be assured that they have elected officials who represent them. Please expand HB 1169 so that everyone has a vote. Thank you!
05/26/2020 02:36 PM	Ms Pam Peterson	446 Granite Mill Blvd , Chapel Hill , NC 27516	True	Please ensure that elections will be safe. As a senior citizen with underlying conditions I want to be able to vote without exposing myself to the virus. Voting by mail and having extended early voting will help. Thanks
05/26/2020 02:37 PM	Ms. Roberta Waddle	3941 Gainey Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28306	True	I encourage you to pass this legislation. I do not want to risk my life to vote. The need to make voting absentee easier is

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				Most voters want to be able to vote for their representatives. They are not interested in perpetrating federal crimes. Many more people are prohibited from voting because they did not know ALL the rules and follow them. Voter education would be much more helpful than adding more rules and hoops for voters to jump through. Funding for voter education should be included.
05/26/2020 02:37 PM	Ms. Marian Olson	287 Whispering Wind Drive, Chapel Hill, North Dakota 27516	True	Please make it easier for North Carolinians to vote by mail. In the age of coronavirus, we should not have to stand in long lines or crowded public rooms!
05/26/2020 02:37 PM	Carole Selkirk	30119 Settle, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	The bill under consideration is 'IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC' and should not include Voter Identification since this has nothing to do with the current Pandemic. The bill should be bipartisan and passed with the greatest haste, considering only its intent, so all legal voters may vote safely without fear of the coronavirus, either at the poles AND/OR by mail. Sincerely, Carole Selkirk
05/26/2020 02:38 PM	Ms. Pamela Harmon	805 McGowan Rd., Shelby, North Carolina 28150	True	Omit Voter ID requirement from this bill!
05/26/2020 02:40 PM	Ms Barbara Clarke	2667 Bill Collins Road, Tryon, North Carolina 28782	True	I have grave concerns about the consistency of the message - first, in mail in ballots there is only one witness required BUT the envelope has not been changed to reflect only one witness. Also voter ID is required and that negates the state legislature changes that ruled that NC voter ID laws are unconstitutional - therefore this part of the bill should be eliminated.
05/26/2020 02:42 PM	Mr. Bruce Bickham	45 River Rock Way, Franklinton, North Carolina 27525	True	I will shortly be 76 yrs. old plus my wife is a poll worker. There is no reason to put us in harms way to vote in case this virus persists in the fall. Please make voting by mail easier and postage-free.
05/26/2020 02:44 PM	Laura Holley	925 Branch Line Ln, Apex, NC 27502	True	Please do support this reasonable, pragmatic bill. Thank you.
05/26/2020 02:44 PM	Mr. Martin Ericson	788 Courtney St SE, Concord, NC 28025	True	The measures suggested will ease the burden on voters and voting administration during the current situation. However, one item suggested by the State Board of Elections not addressed was flexibility in setting the days, times, and locations for One-stop Absentee voting sites. Counties have vastly diverse needs for and abilities to run these sites which are only exacerbated by COVID-19. Martin Ericson,

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05/26/2020 02:47 PM	Mr Samuel Todd	8801 Brigadier Lane, Mint Hill, NC 28227	True	<p>member of Cabarrus County Board of Elections.</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.</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 (utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or other government-issued ID) 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>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. Samuel Todd</p>
05/26/2020 02:47 PM	Mrs. Elizabeth Conroy	2811 WELCOME DR., DURHAM, NC 27705	True	<p>I ask you to make November voting easier by requiring only one witness for absentee ballots, allowing counties to extend early voting, and, if possible, including a return envelope with prepaid postage for absentee ballots. I am 74 years old, and I only see my husband so it will be difficult to have two witnesses for an absentee ballot--no other family is nearby. I may go to early voting if I can be 6 ft. apart from everyone the entire time.</p>
05/26/2020 02:49 PM	Mr Gerald Meyer	180 Rock Garden Dr, Canton, 28716	True	<p>Please make voting by mail as easy as possible by eliminating the need for witnesses on the mail in ballot envelope. This is an unnecessary requirement, ballot</p>

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				tracking via a number and signature verification is adequate security. Ohio has had no witness or notary requirement for years an never had any security or fraud problem (Election fraud is not a real problem any where in the US). Make voting at early voting flexible in each county so they can establish safe and accessible procedures for each individual county.
05/26/2020 02:50 PM	Ms Jo Schultz	1208 Strange Court , Morehead City , NC 28557	True	I am disabled and voting by mail is critical for me. There is no evidence of widespread voter mail fraud so that cannot be an excuse. I also have trouble getting two witnesses in person. Steps must be taken so I can exercise my voting rights.
05/26/2020 02:51 PM	Mrs. Eileen Hanson-Kelly	1109 Timber Spring Lane, Salisbury, NC 28147	True	I am 79 years old and my husband is 88. We want to vote in the Nov. elections by absentee ballot, but we do not have another person to witness our signatures. Also, we need prepaid envelopes so seniors and others can vote without having to go out to get postage. I think drop boxes in secure locations would help assure our votes get there in time. This works well in Washington state and has for several years. It would keep us away from other people and potential covide-19 exposure. Thank you.
05/26/2020 02:52 PM	Mrs. Joni Hohmeier	3219 Waterbury Dr., Durham, NC 27707	True	<p>Current voter ID requirements are reasonable and satisfactory – the added requirement for a photo ID is an unnecessary and costly burden for voters. See https://journalistsresource.org/studies/politics/elections/voter-photo-id-law-research/</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 02:52 PM	Mary Sewell	2904 LEGION AVE, DURHAM, NC 27707	True	I am 67 years old and will be voting by mail for the first time this fall due to Covid-19. I have attended some Board of Election meetings when they have reviewed vote by mail ballots. Many of them were not counted due to voter not properly completing the outside of the envelope. I am worried it will be too complex and difficult for me. I want to make sure my vote will count so I want a

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05/26/2020 02:53 PM	Ms Bessie	1205 Pulitzer Lane, Durham, NC 27703	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>You must immediately pass legislation that provides for safe in-person voting, expands access to voting-by-mail, and provides a financial match to release critical, federal election funds to North Carolina counties.</p> <p>House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense-solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home—just as did Donald Trump, with his entourage of medical staff and drivers—or in-person in the upcoming 2020 election.</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>No one knows what the future holds, but you all should agree: NC must not repeat the mistakes of states that unnecessarily exposed their voters to the deadly coronavirus. Your actions now—today, this month—to include these much-needed additions would keep even more of our state’s voters safe during the fast-approaching 2020 elections, and ensure no voter – regardless of party – is left behind this fall.</p> <p>As my representative in the North Carolina General Assembly, you need to support amendments that would expand HB1169’s basic protections for North Carolina voters this month so I can exercise my right to vote –safely.</p>
05/26/2020 02:55 PM	Linda Bossert	1114 Front Gate Lane, Wake Forest, NC 27587	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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05/26/2020 03:01 PM	Good first steps Shahpour Akhavi	122 Hillcrest Road 7, Raleigh, NC 27605-1769	True	I support the easing of burdens on voting especially during this time of pandemic. I hope the provisions of this bill removing the burden of finding witnesses for one's vote, making it easier to request an absentee ballot, and providing sanitation at polls become law.
05/26/2020 03:02 PM	Tom E Bowers	9212 Fairchild Ln, Charlotte, NC 28277-7825	True	Make it easy for eligible voters to vote.
05/26/2020 03:02 PM	Stan Converse	3955 NC 66 Hwy N, Westfield, NC 27053	True	I have a very vulnerable mother in law for whom Covid-19 would most likely be a death sentence. I would like to be able to vote in such a way that it does not put my mother in law at risk - nor do I particularly want to have to risk Covid-19 myself to vote.
05/26/2020 03:03 PM	Todd Miller	610 Sasser St, Raleigh, NC 27604	True	Given the current Covid-19 pandemic, everyone in the state should be allowed to vote by mail. There should be no need to risk your health or life to vote in the upcoming elections.
05/26/2020 03:04 PM	Mr. GEORGE REED	1512 Kennon Road, Garner, NC 27529	True	I strongly recommend the support of HB1169 because our basic right to vote shouldn't be a referendum to chosing between a right and personal health. As with all laws they are for the benefit of the citizens & not a politican personal whim.
05/26/2020 03:04 PM	Mr. GEORGE REED	1512 Kennon Road, Garner, NC 27529	True	I strongly recommend the support of HB1169 because our basic right to vote shouldn't be a referendum to chosing

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05/26/2020 03:05 PM	Mrs Betsy Webster	14230 Nc Highway 801, Mt Ulla, NC 28125-7721	True	Please make this election safe and secure for voters and poll workers. Include easy vote by mail access to ALL
05/26/2020 03:05 PM	Ms. Melanie Bassett	815 Spring Garden Street, Greensboro, North Carolina 27403	True	I am an older disabled voter. I am not absent. I would like the right to vote: independently, safely, at a time convenient for me. I would like to vote at home, as many other States allow. My Mail Carrier is a trusted and trained Federal employee, who will deliver my vote.
05/26/2020 03:05 PM	Timothy Whiteside	231 Nortwick Rd, Rolesville, NC 27571	True	As a past and most current County Board Of Elections official, I am concerned about my safety and health as well as the health of other officials and voters alike. Further outbreaks of this virus that has wrecked havoc on our society, nation and global world need to be avoided at all costs. I believe that increased ability to enable vote-by-mail options be pursued in whatever means possible that would not jeopardize the election in any manner that is unfair to any party involved.
05/26/2020 03:07 PM	Mrs. Sandra Purdy	60 Gaston Mountain Rd., Asheville, NC 28806	True	<p>I believe that this House Bill 1169 Elections 2020 is an important bill to be passed. It contains a number of provisions that will be helpful to me as a senior voter. The Covid 19 crisis will not be solved by election time; in fact, numbers of deaths, especially for seniors, could be even worse by that time. I have always voted, but in November I will be reluctant to vote in person because of the virus. In addition, I can't get around as easily as I could during the last election to the point of even having a disability sticker, so I don't need to walk too far, but even so I still have trouble walking. The bill lowers the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot and 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. This would be extremely helpful for me, so I could stay at home, vote, yet remain a healthy citizen. In addition it 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. This is extremely important for those people who do decide to vote in person.</p> <p>Some other items would be extremely helpful to make sure that everyone has a fair, equal chance to cast their votes, the right of every citizen. These include the</p>

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				<p>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> <p>I strongly urge the General Assembly to consider these options and vote for this bill. This is a unique time in our history; every voter has the right to register to vote and to cast a vote in the November election. Politics do not have a place in this decision. Every voter has the right to do this in the safest way each one can, whether by going to the polls safely or staying home so they can do their utmost to keep the virus from spreading. Sincerely, Sandra Purdy</p>
05/26/2020 03:08 PM	Mt Ed Hoefle	3912 Sunningdale Way, Durham, Nc 27707	True	This is the right thing to do at this time with the pandemic looming. Thank you
05/26/2020 03:09 PM	hardee klitzman	3015 wade road, durham, nc 27705	True	<p>As you are considering bills to modify voting procedures in light of COVID-19, please consider these things:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not requiring voter ID; 2. Extending the mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration; 3. Allowing the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting.; 4. Allowing the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes and 5. Providing pre-paid postage for mail in ballots.
05/26/2020 03:10 PM	Bonnie McCarthy	73 Tyner Loop Circle, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	<p>I urge you to make the following changes during this pandemic:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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), 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>Thank you.</p>
05/26/2020 03:10 PM	Ms Marty Brown	3213 Red Berry Dr, Wilmington, NC 28409	True	Everyone should be allowed to vote by mail because of the danger of gathering in person at polling places. Any other choice is a strike against democracy.
05/26/2020 03:11 PM	Dr. Leslie Webster	3035 Brookmont Place, Charlotte, NC 28219	True	I support an expansion of HB 1169 which 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

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05/26/2020 03:13 PM	Mrs. Mary Ellen Tyrrell	308 Bay View Drive, Chocowinity, NC 27817	True	<p>make Early Voting plans that best serve. I want to make sure the ALL North Carolina citizens can safely exercise their right to vote without compromising their health or safety. Thank you</p> <p>As a resident and registered voter of North Carolina, plus being a senior citizen, protecting my ability to vote safely is paramount to my sense of civic duty and care for my well being. Extending mail in and online deadlines,as well as safe polling places will help secure my right to vote as a citizen of these United States. This pandemic poses special concerns for seniors, and I would hope and expect our legislators to protect our voting rights. Thank you?</p>
05/26/2020 03:18 PM	Mrs. Sandy Murray	33823 Westchester Rd., Durham, NC 27707	True	<p>Voting should be easy, safe and accessible for all NC citizens even those who move frequently or who are homeless. I have a bad hand tremor and can hardly write or sign my name. Please don't make it important to match an old signature . We need vote by mail. Election Day should be a holiday from work, too.</p>
05/26/2020 03:18 PM	Bernard Ingram	1715 Hedgelawn Dr. 105, Charlotte, NC 28262	True	<p>One person, one vote. It should be made easier for each and every citizen exercise their constitutionally granted right, regardless of political persuasion. Some are protesting for their "right" to get a haircut, go to church, etc., but seem not to care about the systematic efforts to remove people from voter rolls.</p>
05/26/2020 03:19 PM	Mr. Mark Taylor	6523 Kentdale Court, Charlotte, NC 28270	True	<p>Because voter fraud is minuscule and because the pandemic may still be affecting citizen safety, my wife and I urge the passing of HB 1169 to promote safe, healthy, lawful and effective voting and to enhance our democratic(small d) process.</p>
05/26/2020 03:19 PM	Ms Frances Golden	361 The Greens Circle Apt 224, Raleigh, NC 27606	True	<p>This bill is critical for senior citizens, the disabled and others who cannot come to the polls to vote in order to vote safely and effectively in all elections. Please consider and pass the provisions in this bill. Thank you.</p>
05/26/2020 03:19 PM	William Graham	9304 Brookton CT, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	<p>I am a 75 year old blind veteran. I would like to be able to vote by absentee ballot or other electronic means, such as email or on a website. the current application form for Absentee Ballot on the state's web site is not readable by a screen reader nor can a blind person fill out the form. I feel fairly confident that the Absentee Ballot itself will also not be accessible to a blind person.</p> <p>I would like to be able to request an Absentee Ballot myself and to fill the Absentee Ballot out myself.</p> <p>there are many ways this could be accomplished. One way would be to have an editable pdf that can be read and filled out using a screen reader for both the</p>

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				application form and the Absentee Ballot itself. The forms could be filled out by the person who is blind using a screen reader and printed, signed and mailed in just as someone who had filled it out manually with a pen. Some people who are blind may not have printers at their home, so having it done all by electronic means would be preferable. I believe this option is currently available for military service members serving overseas.
05/26/2020 03:19 PM	Brandie Le Clair	3209 Dunaire Dr., Charlotte , NC 28205	True	Please allow everyone in the state to have a mail-in ballot for November! We must protect the integrity of our democracy and election.
05/26/2020 03:21 PM	Lisa Bohn	1205 Cypress Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	Please expand the bill to 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.
05/26/2020 03:22 PM	Mr Royal C. Reid	301 Fortress Court, Winston Salem, NC 27127	True	The changes seem to be a good idea, It should not be made hard to get ballots to vote in an election by requirements that actually return nothing.
05/26/2020 03:22 PM	Jamie McQuiggan	4809 metcalf drive , Raleigh , NC 27612	True	Please ensure safe and accessible elections in November. As Covid will almost certainly be an issue in the fall, I believe all voters should have an absentee ballot mailed to them. Thank you.
05/26/2020 03:23 PM	Ms. Lori Wells	814 White Oak Road, Vilas, NC 28692	True	I think it is important that every citizen is able to vote and mail-in voting is essential for older and/or disabled citizens at all times with appropriate assistance as needed. During this uncertain time of COVID19 mail-in voting is essential for ALL citizens to feel safe and still be able to cast our votes. I believe with today's technology that a computer voter program should be sufficient to eliminate any fraud and if it's not, then it needs to be upgraded to accommodate this need. Those who yell the loudest about voter fraud are usually those trying to comment said fraud because the majority of citizens are honest and law abiding!
05/26/2020 03:25 PM	Susan Merrill	4227 Lindbergh Abe, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949	True	Yes! We need to make bring safe and easy.. Please read this article: https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/dirty-tricks-eight-falsehoods-could-undermine-2020-election
05/26/2020 03:25 PM	Mr Stephen Melott	4305 Southwind Drive, Raleigh, NC 27613	True	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?
05/26/2020 03:25 PM	John Lewis	3620 Poseidon Street, Kitty hawk, NC 27949	True	I fully support HB 1169 to provide for a safe and fair election on November 3. I would also encourage you to include: extending voter registration deadlines;

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				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. John Lewis
05/26/2020 03:26 PM	Dry R David Kaylor	74 Wagon Trail, Black Mountain, NC 28711	True	I urge you to support the above bill as a way of making access to the right to vote a reasonable prospect for all citizens. Thank you! David Kaylor
05/26/2020 03:26 PM	Judith McDowell	811 W 5th St 403, Winston Salem, NC 27101	True	I am 79 yrs old and I live alone with multiple health issues. I want to vote but don't want to put myself or anyone at risk by standing in line to vote. Voting by mail would remove my worry. Of course, I have no idea how I can get 2 people to witness my ballot. There should be a way for my ballot to be witnessed.
05/26/2020 03:27 PM	Donna Permar	Durham, NC 27701	True	I am blind, and due to transportation issues would find it a challenge to find witnesses or a notary to validate my absentee ballot. In order to complete the ballot I would find it necessary to rely on a friend to complete the ballot for me, so my ballot would not be private. If I submit my non private absentee ballot, I would want a means of verifying that the Board of Elections had in fact received my ballot. In conclusion, the current system is far from ideal for me. I want an online portal for voting to be put into place ASAP so that I and for that matter anyone who would prefer to complete their ballot online, can vote independently, and securely. This technology is available; it just needs to be implemented.
05/26/2020 03:28 PM	Mrs Samira Wellemeyer	4305 TALCOTT DR, Durham, NC 27705	True	I suggest that NCGA add postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE, making sure that votes are counted.
05/26/2020 03:30 PM	John Taylor	489 Olde Oaks Ln, Pittsboro , NC 27312	True	I am writing in favor of passage HB 1169. While not perfect, this sets North Carolina voters up to be able to vote and stay healthy during these trying times of pandemic. I believe we need to move to an elections model similar to Oregon and other states that have been using vote by mail successfully for two decades or more. In the meantime, our current mode of absentee voting is putting at least three people at risk with the witnessing requirements. I, for one, do not have access to two people who are not at risk, or would put their family at risk. My wife would be able to witness me mark up the ballot, but if I were to have my sister witness, she would endanger her husband who is recovering from a double lung transplant.
05/26/2020 03:31 PM	Carolina Manual Therapy Carolina Candelaria	301 NE 42nd Street, OAK ISLAND, NC 28465	True	Dear committee members: Thank you all for supporting this bill to secure our elections. I also support extending voter registration deadlines,

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05/26/2020 03:32 PM	Mrs. Barbara Gregg	11 Wakefield Dr. 2202, Asheville, NC 28803	True	<p>county flexibility to expand early voting, and expanding documents suitable for identification also include municipal and town issued utility bill in voters name. Thanks again for your work and please remain safe.</p> <p>Please pass HB 1169 including the following provisions: Making it easier for voters to vote by mail –request of absentee ballots on line, secure drop boxes for returning ballots, and the reduction of the witness requirement to one. Making sure that in-person voting is readily available, safe and staffed adequately.</p>
05/26/2020 03:32 PM	Ms. ANNE FONDREN	818 sound view drive, Hampstead, NC 28443	True	<p>Greetings: As a poll worker in Pender county, I'm very concerned about the effects of Covid on voting this fall. Please do everything possible to make voting safe and accessible. Provide some needed funds to individual counties and let us use them as needed since we are the ones who know where to focus the funds. Allow for a large number of absentee voting making sure that the USPS can return them or we have drop off boxes stationed around the counties. Ideally, the federal government would allocate necessary funds to create a robust vote-by-mail option in order to keep America a democracy. This virus is not going away by Election Day 2020 and you need to take this seriously.</p>
05/26/2020 03:33 PM	Rev Dr June Highfill	233 Pilgrim Circle, Wilmington, NC 28401	True	<p>Partisan politics is the only explanation for limiting the participation of every eligible citizen in our elections. We need to know that our voices matter, that we are heard and that lawmakers and other government officials are chosen by a majority vote. Citizens must not be asked to give up their vote or risk their health and life, nor should they have to give up work or stand in long lines, especially now. Whatever measures need to be taken, a true democracy cannot suppress the vote in any way.</p>
05/26/2020 03:33 PM	Mr. Richard Paddock	134 Loblolly Lane, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	<p>The feds, trump in particular, are rigging up to steal the election. Don't let them! Make voting as easy as possible,</p>
05/26/2020 03:35 PM	Dr. Elizabeth Holt	4318 Swarthmore Road, Durham, NC 27707	True	<p>As a registered voter, I am very interested in assuring voting rights for all eligible citizens. Accordingly, I urge you to enact legislation that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ensure 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 ensure 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

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				Thank you.
05/26/2020 03:36 PM	Mrs Eva Morgan	25 Roundtop Ridge Ct, Candler, NC 28715-0239	True	Fear of the coronavirus should not be a obstacle to voting. Neither should employment or living alone. Every registered voter in NC should be able to vote by an absentee ballot without barriers and without requiring witnesses. That I vote and who I vote for is a private, individual right. A nonpartisan registration process is the gate keeper to a safe, fair and secure ballot box.
05/26/2020 03:37 PM	Ann Bingham	4308 Edgehill Court, RALEIGH, NC 27612	True	I am 67 years old and I have asthma. I am at high risk for Covid 19 complications. Therefore I 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 03:38 PM	MR. ROBERT SYLVESTER	35 Kinglet Cir, Greensboro, NC 27455-1362	True	I AM A VUNERABLE VOTER TO COVID-9 BECAUSE I AM 75 YEARS OLD AND HAVE DIABETES. I NEED A SAFE WAY TO VOTE THAT PROTECTS ME THE VIRUS. VOTING IN PERSON IS RISKY. FINDING TWO PEOPLE TO VERIFY MY SIGNATURE IS ALSO RISKY. HOUSE BILL 1169 WOULD HELP PROTECT ME. IF THE LEGISLATURE DOES NOT ALLOW FOR A SAFER WAY TO VOTE, IT WILL DISFRANCHISE MY RIGHT TO VOTE.
05/26/2020 03:39 PM	Donna Kaye Donna Kaye	636 Weathergreen Drive, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	I am a registered voter in NC. I grew up in NC -- I attended the first desegregated class at Broughton HS. I benefited from the upgrade in public education; I participated in the first Governor's School. I registered to vote when I could at 21 -- even though I was forced to take an illegal literacy test; I took it so that I could vote. I'm now 74. I have now retired back in NC and have voted in every election since I returned. NC taught me the value of citizenship and voting -- in NC history, I learned that regarding the Civil War, NC was "the last to secede and the first to rejoin." Given my age and the health uncertainties for all citizens in NC, I want all of us to be able to vote safely. So I'm urging the legislature to adopt the bill recommendations of the Board of Elections -- to make voting by mail available and as unbureaucratic as possible for all citizens. The facts from other states make it clear that voting by mail does NOT lead to voter fraud; ask California how they maintain security. And the facts show that voting by mail does not benefit one party over the other. I also would urge you not to include voter IDs in this process. The legitimacy of that law is still under review. If the courts uphold the law, it will automatically be part of the Nov election. Voting is a significant part of our democracy -- please make it available to all citizens.
05/26/2020 03:39 PM	Dr. Courtney Caiola	508 Colony Woods Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	Please pass this legislation and also include the following: Extending voter registration deadlines

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				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 03:40 PM	Ms Anita Walker	3001 st Augustine Pl, Asheville, NC 28805	True	This seems so logical to do with NC cases rising at this point in time. Also, for vulnerable seniors, these steps are critically important!
05/26/2020 03:42 PM	Mr. Tom Murdock	435 Fenton Pl, Charlotte, NC 28207-1917	True	We can't have a democracy without voters. Voters need reasonably easy access so that they are able to select the candidate they choose. In this crisis caused by Covid 19, our legislation needs to encourage voting. The uncertainty about the fall needs action now so people and BOEs are ready.
05/26/2020 03:43 PM	Please Select Charles Fillah	301 NE 42nd Street, Oak Island, North Carolina 28465	True	Thank you for caring enough to pass this bill to help protect our voting rights and civil liberties, while also helping us to protect our lives! No one should have to make a choice between voting and risking infection with another outbreak of COVID19. I personally will be voting by absentee ballot as I am protecting many others at high risk of mortality.
05/26/2020 03:43 PM	Elvira Basnight	907 Chalk Level Rd, Durham, north Carolina 27704	True	I am totally blind and need a way to safely and securely cast my vote. I live alone and hope not to be burdened with finding 2 witnesses or a notary while practicing social distancing should I need to use absentee voting. Making the rules related to this option known now is important in order to be able to plan ahead and comply with all of the rules. Ideally, an "accessible online absentee ballot" would allow me to submit my vote independently and privately. I would also be able to confirm my choices before submitting. I fully understand just how difficult things are for everyone at this time, I ask that the blind and visually impaired community not be ignored, forgotten or completely disregarded when decisions are made regarding the rapidly approaching 2020 election.
05/26/2020 03:44 PM		27701	True	<p>I suggest that NCGA add postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE, making sure that votes are 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 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> <p>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</p>

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				just calling the BOE office.
05/26/2020 03:44 PM	David Rossenthal	12 Moorefield Drive, Durham, NC 27705	True	While I applaud many of the provisions of this bill, I would urge two important changes. First, please remove any voter id requirements. This provision has already been struck down twice and means that the matter will be in court again wasting precious taxpayer dollars for no reason at all. Second, if absentee ballots cannot be dropped at a contactless location, then provide prepaid postage for their return. Note that Florida courts have just recently addressed economic penalties to voting as an illegal poll tax. While the cost of postage (and obtaining the stamps) may seem modest, it provides an unnecessary burden on older and poorer voters. Again, thank you for the many thoughtful positives in this bill.
05/26/2020 03:45 PM	Kori		True	It is imperative to have other ways to vote in North Carolina not only to keep people safe during this pandemic, but to also increase accessibility to people that may otherwise not be able to physically travel to a voting site. Drop box sites and vote by mail have been utilized in other states and have worked well. It's time for NC to use these tools to reduce voter suppression and increase voter turn out.
05/26/2020 03:45 PM	Mr Ben Conley	309 Garrou Ave SE, Valdese, NC 28690	True	Please help us pass vote by mail
05/26/2020 03:47 PM	Carol Braswell	1957 Great Ridge Pkwy, Chapel Hill , North Carolina 27516	True	Support safe voting! Pass this bill!
05/26/2020 03:47 PM	Mr. Frank McConnell	763 Cascade Lake Rd., Pisgah Forest, NC 28768	True	I am very much in favor of passing HB 1169 to ensure safer and more convenient means of ensuring that EVERY eligible voter in NC is able to vote in future elections. Along with the provisions currently in the bill, I would also encourage the following additions to the bill: 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. Thank you for your consideration.
05/26/2020 03:47 PM	Ms Anita Obler	3603A St John's Ct, Wilmington, NC 28403	True	I am 79 years old and have voted in every election since I turned 21. This year, however, in light of the pandemic, I would rather have the choice to mail on my ballot. Oregon has been doing this successfully for several years. Please protect us and let us vote from home.
05/26/2020 03:47 PM	Ms. Joanna Fogle	42 Innisfree Dr, Durham, NC 27707	True	These added requirements for a photo ID is unnecessary and costly. And it has been shown to discriminate against minority voters in particular. The bill doesn't address barriers to voter registration such as extending mail-in and online deadlines for registration and providing for online registration more generally—not just limit it to DL and state ID holders The bill needs to give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules.

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				<p>The bill needs to allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.</p> <p>The bill needs to provide prepaid postage for mail-in-ballots</p>
05/26/2020 03:47 PM	Mrs. Rebecca Robinson	8004 Elderson Ln, Raleigh, NC 27612	True	<p>1. I don't know where I can find witnesses/notary while practicing social distancing. I am worried about a second wave in the fall, so making the rules known now is important for me to be able to plan ahead and comply with all of the rules.</p> <p>2. I suggest that NCGA add postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE, making sure that votes are counted.</p> <p>3. 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.</p> <p>4. 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> <p>5. MAT teams: Section 2(b) – by August 1, SBOE and DHHS shall submit 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 03:47 PM	Mr. Jerome Brown	1240 Somerset Rd, RALEIGH, NC 27610	True	<p>i am in support of the HB1169 proposed legislature but i would like to see the following additions made to make this a very comprehensive piece of legislature for 2020 : 1. Provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for all voters , 2. Give flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have a safe in-person voting options, and 3.Extend voter registration deadlines due to the effects of the pandemic and to ensure that there will be plenty of time to cast a vote. This 2020 election must be protected and all efforts must be made so that citizens can vote without any obstacles placed in their way.</p> <p>Jerome Brown, Chairman, Wake County Voter Education Coalition 2020</p>
05/26/2020 03:48 PM	mr James Sampson	203 Mill Creek Drive, Youngsville, North Carolina 27596	True	<p>A person's physical health or transportation difficulties should not</p>

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				interfere with their ability to vote. Vote by mail has proven to be secure and workable in other states - North Carolina should work toward truly universal suffrage.
05/26/2020 03:48 PM	Maggie Sullivan	328 Montibello , Mooresville , Nc 28117	True	Please pass this bill to allow your constituents to vote safely in November. Please do your job. Fair elections are the cornerstone of democracy.
05/26/2020 03:49 PM	Mrs. Laura Dewey	1002 Arbor Valley Ln, Apex, NC 27502	True	Please allow all citizens to vote by mail for the upcoming November election. People, including me, will not feel comfortable standing in line waiting to vote at a polling site.
05/26/2020 03:50 PM	Mrs Sharon Lewis	11 Brassie Ct, Candler, NC 28715	True	I support this good bill because it reduces the number of witness signatures I'd have to get, which will save me a lot of time and trouble. I really like it because it would help protect poll workers and us voters from Covid-19!! I wish the bill extended voter registration deadlines, and that would be an easy way to make it even better. Thank you.
05/26/2020 03:50 PM	Susan Alborell	117 Denise drive , Wilmington , Nc 28411	True	I am in an at risk category. I have voted in every election since I was 18. I'm soon to be 67. Please allow Vote-by-mail. Taxes, Social security - all manner of things get mailed. To not allow this is to impede voters.
05/26/2020 03:51 PM	Dr. Deborah Milkowski	573 Deer Run Rd, New Bern, NC 28562	True	HB1169 is a critical step towards making the election in November accessible and safe. This bill lowers the signature requirement on absentee ballots which will allow voters to vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot. It will also make the process of requesting an absentee ballot easier. If passed, voters can request an absentee ballot by fax, email, phone or via an online portal. HB 1169 will also allow individual counties to assign poll workers where they are most needed to minimize poll worker shortages. It will also ensure that polling places have access to resources to keep their stations sanitized in order to keep the workers and public safe. While this is a good start, there are a few items that I would like to see included in this bill: 1. Voter registration guidelines should be extended 2. Individual counties should have the flexibility to create early voting plans that will meet their populations needs and ensure safe, in-person voting 3. This bill should provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters I believe that these measures will ensure a safe and fair voting process for our citizens. I realize that many legislators are concerned about fraud. Certainly, we must have a process that is secure to minimize fraud. However, many other government

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				processes make use of the methods outlined above. For instance, tax returns are now safely processed on-line by thousands of Americans. I think it is only fitting that similar options be presented to voters.
05/26/2020 03:53 PM	Julie Shepherd	3204 Ringtail Drive, Waxhaw, NC 28173	True	My opinion of this bill is that it is a step in the right direction to helping citizens request a ballot and cast a ballot safely from home if they choose to do so during this COVID-19 pandemic.
05/26/2020 03:55 PM	Ms Doris Sigl	126 Landsbury Drive, Durham, NC 27707	True	I oppose the photo ID requirement in this bill. Such IDs have repeatedly been struck down by courts as a deliberate attempt to constrain voter rights. These requirements are unconstitutional and undemocratic! I also want counties to have the right to determine schedules for early voting and for determining safe in-person voting.
05/26/2020 03:55 PM	DR. MELVA OKUN	108 HIGH ST, CARRBORO, NC 27510	True	AS AN EARLY ELECTION OFFICIAL, I BELIEVE THAT HB 1169 IS EXCELLENT AND WILL HELP MOVE US IN A DIRECTION OF HAVING FAIR ELECTIONS HERE IN STATE. EVERY AMERICAN SHOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT CITIZEN'S RIGHTS TO VOTE - AND FOR THEIR VOTE TO COUNT.
05/26/2020 03:56 PM	Robert Stewart	4526 Old Towne St., Wilmington, NC 28412	True	I suggest that the NCGA add postage paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE. Also, I am 72 years old and and need a way to safely vote from home.I also don't have two other adults living in my house. Therefore, I don't know where i can find witnesses/notary while practicing social distancing. I am worried about a second wave in the fall, so making the rules known now is important for me to be able to to plan ahead and comply with all of them.
05/26/2020 03:56 PM	Mrs Alice Stanford	417 Cedar Hill Lane, Raleigh, NC 27609	True	Respectfully submitted, Please support H B 1169. It is vital that all voters be lower to exercise their constitutional right to vote without endangering their health. Your vote is important, and voters will consider your voting record in November.
05/26/2020 03:56 PM	Marcia Welsh	8712 DEERLAND GROVE DR, RALEIGH, NC 27615	True	I am a senior citizen who votes in every election. I do not want to have to make the choice between possible exposure to a dangerous virus and making my voice heard by voting. Please expand voting rights to ensure that all of us will be able to easily, safely, and comfortably will be able to cast our ballots in this vital election. We do not want a repeat of what has happened in other states as they subjected voters to long lines and spread this virus.
05/26/2020 03:57 PM	Mr. Gary Feimster	845 Graham Loop Rd, Mt. Ulla, NC 28125	True	Pass the bill!!
05/26/2020 03:57 PM	Dr Elizaveta Freinkman	102 Marble Falls Way, Cary, NC 27519	True	I strongly support this legislation. Due to COVID-19, we need to strengthen our mail-in voting system and provide voters with more and easier alternatives to in-person voting.
05/26/2020 03:57 PM	George Fitzpatrick	7004 Lassens Trail, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	I'm in favor of making the absentee ballot

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				the predominant method of voting in the state of NC this year and the future. It has been proven effective in other states, Oregon, Washington and Colorado.
				I believe all eligible people should vote. It is a right and it should be a duty.
				The laws and procedures should make it easier to cast ballots by mail. There does not seem to be case that it would lead to rampant fraud. We were told by election officials from both political parties that is has not been a problem.
				In the future we should also consider evolving to a system using something similar to those used by the military and other government agencies where Common Access Cards can provide an electronic signature for verifying identification.
				In the current environment, as a septuagenarian I and others may be at risk if we had to vote in person today. There is no guarantee that the situation will be any better in the fall. If that is the case we should be encouraging and simplifying voting by mail and setting up more early voting sites and times to help keep crowd sizes down.
				I support this bill. We need to encourage North Carolinians to vote and make it possible for them to vote as easily as possible as we work through the Covid-19 pandemic.
				Please allow mail-in voting for the general election in November 2020. We need to keep our community safe from COVID-19 and in-person voting still will not be safe in November (and won't be until a safe and effective vaccine is available). Please reference the increase in COVID cases directly attributed to the Wisconsin primary election in Spring 2020 as an example of what to avoid here in NC. The health of our citizens is monumentally important. Please help us all stay safe. Thank you.
				I am in favor of HB 1169. There is no good reason that it should be difficult to register to vote, or to use a vote by-mail ballot. In a democracy citizens should be encouraged to vote. Especially this year, with covid 19 in our communities, it makes sense to be able to vote without the risk of exposure to the corona virus.
05/26/2020 03:57 PM	Mrs. Lee Lumpkin	3530 Carmel Road, Charlotte, NC 28226	True	
05/26/2020 03:57 PM	Dr. Sarah Bowen-Pasfield	900 Norris Street, Raleigh, NC 27604	True	
05/26/2020 03:58 PM	Mr Drew Langsner	775 Black Pine Ridge Rd, MARSHALL, NC 28753	True	
05/26/2020 03:58 PM	Dr. Kavita Wissmann	111 Lawrence Tee Ln, Mooresville, NC 28117	True	

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05/26/2020 03:59 PM	Mr Michael Retchless	1718 James Street, Durham, NC 27707	True	I am 56 years old and need a way to safely vote by mail from home. I am single and still work. It is very hard for me to go to the polling place and get time off. I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill will make mail voting easier, safe and secure. Please come together to make mailing from home a safe, secure and viable solution to the COVID 19 Virus as well.
05/26/2020 03:59 PM	Ms. Kathy Bartlett	1427 Acadia St., Durham, NC 27701	True	I am 66 years old and have two parents in assisted living who are in their 90s. The current absentee system is way to complicated for seniors. It looks like it is designed to trip you up. We need to have only one signature needed, free postage and drop boxes. Please make voting from home EASY.
05/26/2020 04:01 PM	Oliver Bradley	227 Forest Rd, Raleigh, NC 27605	True	I think that the online portal to request an absentee ballot should be completed much sooner and be available to all voters. There should also be an online mechanism to check on the status of my absentee ballot request. This would be much more efficient for all concerned than calling the BOE office.
05/26/2020 04:02 PM	Dr Nancy Spann	77 Lambeth Dr, Asheville, NC 28803	True	Please support this bill. We need safe and secure elections in November.
05/26/2020 04:03 PM	Dr Dorothy Harper	1070 Christmas Pl, Greensboro, North Carolina 27410	True	I am concerned that not all interested voters will have an opportunity to complete the voting process safely and effectively in 2020. I recommend that early voting be extended, that more voting sites be established (to shorten lines), and that no-contact methods of handling absentee ballots be developed in time to educate the public about the processes involved. I am also concerned that Section 10 - A is included in the bill. I think requiring a voter ID is not constitutional.
05/26/2020 04:03 PM	Diane Ursano	324 Old Piedmont Circle, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	Ensuring safe voting in November is an urgent responsibility of the NCGA. Our democracy depends on the sanctity of the ballot. And in this year of a lethal pandemic, your job is to ensure the vote and provide for the safety of the citizens of North Carolina. Your sacred duty is to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. You cannot fulfill that obligation without ensuring access to the vote. Given public health research, as many as 40% of your constituents have one or more comorbidity that leave them vulnerable to extreme illness or death from the Coronavirus. Many of those North Carolinians will want to vote. How many will be too afraid to go to the polls? It's only May, but the unconscionable lack of a Federal public health plan to test and trace the progress of the Coronavirus doesn't not provide reassurances that the pandemic will have run its course or been stamped out by Fall when Seasonal influenza returns. And there will be no vaccination by then.
05/26/2020 04:03 PM	Mrs Barbara Dillard	394 Stanley Drive, Henrico, NC 27842	True	I support thsi bill because I believe voting by mail should be an option and made as

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05/26/2020 04:04 PM	Mr. Walter Wood	304 Hedrick St, Beaufort, NC 28516-2085	True	<p>easy as possible especially in this time of the COVID Crisis.</p> <p>This bill provides important changes during this period of pandemic. Please support it.</p>
05/26/2020 04:05 PM	Ms. Kate Fellman	4 MISTY MORNING CT, DURHAM, NC 27712	True	<p>I'm concerned that this legislation does not go further in addressing the need for ballot access and assistance to vulnerable populations such as seniors and residents of assisted living facilities and people who are currently incarcerated but eligible to vote. The absentee ballot request process has changed from prior years. What education and community outreach will the BOE be doing to ensure that anyone who is eligible has an absentee ballot request form and a registration form in-hand if the citizen does not have internet access? I'm concerned that without face-to-face education on the form processes and procedures, voters will become overwhelmed or not provide all the necessary information to receive their ballot. Will the state support a robust communications and voter services outreach plan? Detention centers are not listed on the responsibilities of MAT teams. Current law is lacking in securing citizens right to vote from jail. Dropboxes in each county should be secured at all early voting sites and at the BOE office so voters can drop forms and maintain distance.</p> <p>I'm also concerned that this bill does not include specifications of how third party groups can support voters.</p>
05/26/2020 04:05 PM	Ms Marsha Munn	2800 Paddle Place, Raleigh, North Carolina 27615	True	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I would like to see Early Voting more flexible and allow counties to decide what they want to offer. In order to be socially distant and convenient to more voters in my county (Wake), I would like to see more sites open . I know we are under budget constraints so making sure that my county BOE has flexibility to make a schedule that works for more voters is important. It would mean more voters could use EV and be more evenly distributed so no standing in lines.</p> <p>I suggest also that the General Assembly add funding for postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE so that all votes are counted.</p> <p>Dropbox sites are also a great idea 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> <p>I'd also like to see the online portal to request an absentee ballot completed</p>

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05/26/2020 04:07 PM	Dr Karen Oles	1144 Martin St, Winston-Salem, NC - North Carolina 27103	True	much quicker and available to all voters AND a mechanism to check that my county BOE received my request beyond just calling the BOE office.
				The virus has been responsible for a lot of bad things but some good things in terms of our democracy could come out of this. Thank you for considering these ideas.
05/26/2020 04:07 PM	Mrs Gillian Roberts	607 S Camellia St, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	<p>We must do everything we can to encourage citizens to exercise their right to vote if we wish to continue to be a democracy.</p> <p>There should be more voter registration opportunities. I request that the 25-day limit be extended and online voter registration should be allowed. Setting up roadblocks by mandating a photo ID that is onerous for many people, making people travel long distances to vote or making voting more complicated should be criminal. There is no voter fraud. But there is voter obstruction and repression. Many people cannot afford time away from work or home to stand in long lines. Others are unable to come to polls due to disabilities or illnesses. COVID-19 is making it unsafe for many of us to go to the polls.</p> <p>Give flexibility back to the counties to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation. Give options for time and place.</p> <p>Other items:</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>Thank you.</p>
05/26/2020 04:07 PM	Mrs Gillian Roberts	607 S Camellia St, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	<p>During this extraordinary time, the legislature should be making it as easy as possible for North Carolinians to vote safely form home i.e. by mail.</p> <p>Including the requirement of an ID is politically motivated and just adds to an already difficult situation. Democracy means everyone gets a chance to vote.</p> <p>The government, local or national serves the people.</p>
05/26/2020 04:08 PM	mrs m woolley	22 college st, asheville, nc 28801	True	<p>We need a fair and just election system that does not ignore the laws and and the current pandemic we are facing.</p> <p>It would benefit all to have a vote by mail and 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>
05/26/2020 04:09 PM	Dr. Matthew Greenwolfe	1842 Forest Rd., Durham, NC 27705	True	I urge you to pass HB 1169 to help insure safe and fair elections throughout our state, even should there be a resurgence

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05/26/2020 04:11 PM	Ms. Pamela Young	340 Sandhills Cir, Pinehurst, NC 28374	True	of the Covid19 pandemic in the fall. I have studied the issue, and studies show that provisions such as the lower signature requirement to enable more people to vote from home and procedures to ease absentee ballot requests do not privilege one political party or another. This makes sense, as the playing field is even and the party or candidate who can best motivate and convince voters still wins.
				I also urge you to consider additional legislation to make it easier to find and train younger poll workers to keep as many polling stations open as possible, to provide funding for personal protective equipment for poll workers and sanitization at polling sights, secure and safe ballot boxes for dropping off absentee ballots, extending voter registration deadlines (as outreach is more difficult under current conditions), and giving counties flexibility to choose safer polling sites and take measure to keep voters and poll workers safe.
05/26/2020 04:13 PM	Madhavi Krevat	2429 Castleburg Drive, Apex, NC 27523	True	I support House Bill 1169 and ask that you all support it too for the health of your North Carolina voters. This bill would allow several provisions for health and safety during this difficult time of the Coronavirus to allow for fair elections. Voters could request absentee ballots more easily online, by phone, email or fax and more safely and vote from home more easily and safely. The bill gives more flexibility to assign necessary poll workers and provides sanitizing resources for their health and safety, Please consider supporting this bill so everyone can exercise their right to vote while preserving the health of the voters and the integrity of the electoral process to include everyone safely. Thank you.
05/26/2020 04:13 PM	Madhavi Krevat	2429 Castleburg Drive, Apex, NC 27523	True	The 15th, 19th, 24th and 26th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States all affected voting rights as did several Federal and State laws - in the simplest terms, persons who are citizens of the United States of America and are over the age of 18, no matter their race, color, economic status, or religious affiliation have a right to vote in this country. The right to vote is one of the most basic and fundamental right granted to a citizen of the United States of America. During this uncertain time of a global pandemic, voters should feel safe about voting in the upcoming election. If voters do not feel safe appearing in person at a polling site to vote, they should be able to request an absentee ballot. Therefore, the absentee ballot process should be as simple and convenient as possible. This bill will ensure that all citizens in North Carolina will be able to cast their in the manner that they feel most comfortable. Please enact

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				this bill, keeping in mind the needs of not just your constituents, but all of the registered voters in North Carolina.
05/26/2020 04:15 PM	Bettie Slusser	727 Gulfstream Drive, Kure Beach, NC 28449	True	I support absentee voting so that ALL citizens who legally qualify to vote can do so while protecting their health and without needing to stand in long lines which is physically impossible for some people.
05/26/2020 04:17 PM	Prof./Ms. Bland & Ann Cary Simpson	3100 Morrow Farm Ln, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27516-9712	True	<p>Tuesday, May 26th, 2020</p> <p>To the Chair and Committee Members, NC State House Elections Committee:</p> <p>We are writing to express our strong support for HB 1169, particularly because it:</p> <p>a/ eases the signature requirement on absentee ballots while maintaining the integrity of those ballots; b/ makes asking for an absentee ballot easier for voters; c/ offers flexibility to counties as to assigning poll workers; and provides precinct sanitation resources for poll workers and voters.</p> <p>We hope you will consider additional provisions:</p> <p>1/ extending voter registration deadlines; 2/ allowing counties resources towards precinct safety in early-voting plans; and 3/ creating a system of secure drop-boxes for absentee-ballots.</p> <p>Thanking you for your consideration, we are,</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Bland & Ann Cary Simpson 3100 Morrow Farm Lane Chapel Hill, NC 27516</p>
05/26/2020 04:18 PM	Executive Director Vicki Lee Parker	6113 Amber Bluffs Crescent, Raleigh, NC 27616	True	<p>Dear: NC General Assembly Elections and Ethics Law Committee Members</p> <p>We are business leaders from numerous sectors and companies of all sizes. We serve millions of customers across the state and throughout the United States, thanks in part to our growing economy over the past years and our safe communities. Maintaining both require that North Carolina legislators and policymakers support policies that allow for safe voting in the 2020 election. First, we want to thank all the state representatives who worked together to draft HB1169. It contains a number of significant provisions that the North Carolina Business Council (NCBC) believes will allow voters to safely participate in the upcoming election. Namely approving the matching funds in order to receive federal funds from the CARES Act and HAVA (Help America Vote) Act, and reducing the witness requirement</p>

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				<p>for absentee ballots to 1 witness instead of 2.</p> <p>While we truly appreciate and applaud the effort that went into drafting this bill, NCBC is concerned that it doesn't go quite far enough. NCBC urges the Elections and Ethics Law to consider the following additional recommendations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Grant NCSBE more time to count absentee ballots. <p>Since the NCSBE anticipates a surge in ballots near the Election Day deadline, they requested more time to process them. NCBC agrees with the NCSBE and requests that the GA includes NCSBE requests for an additional 4 days to count the ballots and to eliminate the deadline for ballots received on the Saturday before the election.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Remove the following two provisions from the proposed bill. <p>NCBC is concerned that the following provision is outside the scope of this bill and should be removed and addressed separately at a later time.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To require a photo ID for those voting in person. <p>As we begin the gradual reopening of our economy, many businesses and their employees are heading back to work. With all the efforts we've made to curtail Covid-19 infections, we must safeguard our progress both for the health of our people and the health of our economy. Businesses, their employees, and communities can flourish when they exercise their right to vote. But only if they can do so safely.</p> <p>NCBC trusts that the NCGA will consider our concerns and revise HB1169 accordingly. Thank you all for your hard work during these challenging times and stay safe.</p> <p>Sincerely, Vicki Parker, North Carolina Business Council, Raleigh, vlparker@ncbusinesscouncil.org Bill Graham, Renaissance Wilmington Foundation, Wilmington, 28401 bill.rwf@gmail.com Michael Sweeney, Triangle Nonprofit & Volunteer Leadership Center, Apex, 27539 mike@thevolunteercenter.org William Lucas, First Chronicles Community Church Daycare, Durham, 27701 wlucas6@nc.rr.com Erin Gallagher, NCBC, Raleigh, 27601 erin.minke.gallagher6@gmail.com Drew Becker, Realization Press, Willow Spring, 27592 drewbecker11@gmajl.com Eric Kelly III, Black Business Expo USA, Durham, 27701 erickelly45@gmail.com Lisa Bartell, Lisa Bartell Fine Art, Durham, NC, USA, 27713</p>

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05/26/2020 04:19 PM	Joan Lloyd	119 Twisted Oak Place, Durham, NC 27705	True	<p>This bill leaves out all the important parts and spends the rest of its time punishing people. Where is the compassionate, even the reasonable, effort to insure all people who want to vote, can vote? This is just misguided treachery to the people's cause. DO YOUR JOB. Make it easy to vote. Make it easy to vote by mail or internet. Get in the 21st century.</p>
05/26/2020 04:20 PM	Mrs Patricia Likely	4518 Stantonsburg Road, Greenville, North Carolina 27834	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</p>

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				<p>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. 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 04:22 PM	Mrs Nancy Hardin	439 N Serenity Hill Circle, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	Safe and secure election process is essential to our republic. The coronavirus pandemic has alerted us to the need for change in our procedures.
05/26/2020 04:24 PM	Elizabeth Searles-Bohs	5001 Murphy School Rd, Durham, NC 27705	True	<p>Our commitment to voter access has never been tested as severely as this year. We need rules to make it clear and easy to access multiple voting modes. And we need funding to allow BOEs to carry these out - and then pivot when we get thrown another curve ball.</p> <p>Ideas that make sense to me: More access to Early Voting with goal of diminishing lines and close contact Alternatives to notarizing and two adult signatures for Absentee Ballots if voters cannot safely acquire these signatures Postage-paid envelopes for return of absentee ballots Drop boxes to avoid dependence on USPS and save costs if we have postage paid return envelopes Online system for requesting an absentee ballot and tracking whether it has been sent and whether it has been received back at BOE A plan and active support for getting help to those in facilities that are currently closed off - nursing homes, my parents' retirement community, jails</p> <p>We must make decisions about the rules and options as soon as possible so the information can be disseminated early. And the funding has to be in place to carry out these plans.</p> <p>Thank you for working on this. Voting access is essential to our democracy and to our confidence in our governmental systems - now more than ever. Our democracy feels fragile right now. We must strengthen it and knowing that all voices are heard at the ballot box is more critical than ever.</p>
05/26/2020 04:26 PM	Dr. Lindsay Maitland	402 Brookshire Lane, Wilmington, NC 28409	True	Please ensure that all North Carolinians can vote by mail in November. Thank you.

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05/26/2020 04:26 PM	Ms Nancy Coutts	6 Timberlyne Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	Thanks for the good start to this bill! Please continue to expand it by making voter registration easier for those without drivers licenses, increase the ease of voting by written ballot, and be creative and flexible in ensuring the safety of all during in person voting. We must all adapt to the changes needed in response to this pandemic and ensure ease and safety of voting to ensure the strength of our democracy. Thank you for your thoughtful, courageous consideration.
05/26/2020 04:27 PM	Mr Kenneth Byrd	3300 Robin Hood Dr, Greensboro , NC 27408	False	I think this bill is a considerable improvement to making voting accessible in current times of social distancing. Especially, the requirement for only 1 witness instead of 2 for mail-in ballots. More time for early voter registration would be an improvement also,
05/26/2020 04:27 PM	Rae Fulton	7265 Seashell Insw 103, ocean Isle Beach , nc 28469	True	I am encouraging the committ3 to allow for every registered NC voter to vote by mail. I am 67 yrs old, have diabetes and muscular dystrophy. Because of COVID 19, my husband had chosen not to work for the past 2 months ,so as not to potentially bring the virtue into our home. we only go outside our home for groceries and prescriptions .We want to have the right to vote while continuing to make the choices we feel are safe for us
05/26/2020 04:28 PM	Cathy Buckley	710 Independence Place 701, Raleigh, NC 27603	True	I appreciate everything this bill would do to make it safer for me to vote, as I am in a vulnerable group for the coronavirus. As I intend to physically distance whenever possible, eliminating the 2-witness requirement is much appreciated, as well as making it easier for me to request an absentee ballot. Please do whatever you can to increase flexibility and to make it easier for all of us to safely exercise our hard-won right to vote. Thanks.
05/26/2020 04:28 PM	Mr Matthew Krevat	2429 Castleburg Drive, Apex, NC 27523	True	I have missed voting in one election since I made North Carolina my permanent residence in 1988. My father-in-law was taken to the hospital the day before Election Day and we had to drive to Virginia to be with him. After that I started absentee voting for major elections to be sure my vote was cast, and still showed up for every municipal election in person, until Early Voting made absentee voting unnecessary. Now, as I look at absentee voting in a time of pandemic, it is more complicated than it was decades ago. That makes no sense. Voting is our most fundamental right and responsibility. Attempts to make it harder to vote are some of the most embarrassing moments in our history. Pass HB1169 and ensure that all North Carolinian citizens who are eligible to vote, can vote: Easily. Safely. Remotely if necessary. There is a word for someone who wants to suppress the vote, but it isn't patriotic.

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05/26/2020 04:29 PM	Madhavi Krevat	2429 Castleburg Drive, Apex, NC 27523	True	<p>The 15th, 19th, 24th and 26th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States all affected voting rights as did several Federal and State laws - in the simplest terms, persons who are citizens of the United States of America and are over the age of 18, no matter their race, color, economic status, or religious affiliation have a right to vote in this country. The right to vote is one of the most basic and fundamental right granted to a citizen of the United States of America. During this uncertain time of a global pandemic, voters should feel safe about voting in the upcoming election. If voters do not feel safe appearing in person at a polling site to vote, they should be able to request an absentee ballot. Therefore, the absentee ballot process should be as simple and convenient as possible. This bill will ensure that all citizens in North Carolina will be able to cast their ballots in the manner that they feel most comfortable. However, more is needed. Mail-in and online deadlines need to be extended. Voters should be able to use alternate IDs like a utility bill or bank statement. Counties should have the flexibility to plan their early voting based on the needs of their citizens. Please enact this bill, keeping in mind the needs of not just your constituents, but all of the registered voters in North Carolina.</p>
05/26/2020 04:32 PM	Ms. Eleanor Wertman	2408 Englewood Avenue, Durham, USA 27705	True	<p>I am a North Carolina resident and a public health professional working for UNC Health. I am witnessing firsthand the damage that coronavirus is causing to local communities and am terrified that without adequate electoral protections, citizens will be forced to choose between exercising their right to vote and protecting their health. I write to urge the legislature to take concrete steps to ensure everyone can safely exercise their right to vote this fall. Key steps to take include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Creating secure dropbox locations for voters to drop off their completed mail-in ballots in case the postal system is overwhelmed by the volume of absentee ballots.- Improving the process for voters to verify their absentee ballot request was received (i.e. offering an online portal in addition to directing people to call their local BOE).- Deliberately focusing on recruiting and training younger election workers to protect higher-risk, older individuals from possible coronavirus exposure at the polls.- Granting counties flexibility to offer more early voting sites that are open for shorter hours. Allowing counties to offer as many early voting sites as possible during peak early voting hours will help avoid congestion at the polls without overtaxing already-stretched county budgets.

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05/26/2020 04:32 PM	Mr. Don Bobo	5410 Reserve Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina 28409	True	<p>We must act NOW to ensure every citizen is able to safely exercise their right to vote this fall. Thank you for your attention to this urgent public health matter.</p> <p>As a 71 year old and a cancer survivor, I support HB 1169. My wife is 70 and has an autoimmune disorder as well as also being a cancer survivor. We have both submitted applications for absentee ballots. An additional benefit for everyone, that submits an absentee ballot application, would be to confirm on-line that their application has been received. Currently, you have to call your local Board of Elections for this confirmation. I worked as a volunteer poll official during the most recent primary authorizing the voter to receive a ballot. Due to COVID-19, I am uncertain about volunteering again in November will be in my wife's nor my best interest. It is imperative that we follow the science and adhere to the current direction of staying at home. Please vote to implement HB 1169.</p>
05/26/2020 04:33 PM	ms. glenda copeland	804 Pelican Lane, Clemmons, North Carolina 27012	True	<p>Please expand and protect voting rights including mail-in ballots.</p>
05/26/2020 04:33 PM	Patrick Sweeney	8307 Chimneycap Dr., Raleigh, North Carolina 27613	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. 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</p>

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				you to support amendments that would expand HB1169’s basic protections for North Carolina voters this month?
05/26/2020 04:33 PM	James Fisher	2709 Saint Andrews Ct, Jamestown, NC 27282-8658	True	I believe it is important to lower barriers to voting. Voting fraud has not been a problem in the past but thought should still be given to minimizing the potential for fraud. It is a trade-off. If 1,000 more people are allowed to vote and there is 1 vote that is fraudulent, I think that is a fair price to pay for the other 999 to have their votes counted. Where the ratio threshold is that warrants further restrictions is a matter of opinion. However, there is little evidence that would indicate we are anywhere near a concerning threshold.
05/26/2020 04:34 PM	Matthew Robinson	8004 Elderson Lane, RALEIGH, NC 27612	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> <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 04:36 PM	Phil Fonville		True	<p>Partly because of the current pandemic and related uncertainties, I urge you to go beyond the provisions in HB1169 by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* mandating a minimum number of polling places per county based on population;* expanding the time deadlines for voter registration and early voting;* allowing counties to tailor early voting provisions to the needs their residents;* clarifying what a voter who requests an absentee ballot must do or not do before voting in person at a polling place. <p>And because of the many changes in election laws in recent years, HB1169 must ensure equal access to the ballot by all citizens.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>phil fonville</p>
05/26/2020 04:37 PM	Deborah Steiner	10102 Mountain Apple Drive, Mint Hill, NC 28227	True	I am writing to request that this bill be passed to assure all NC voters the equal opportunity to vote in our upcoming November election. As for me, I have sent in an absentee ballot request because I don't know if it will be safe for me to go vote in person this fall. I have underlying health issues that put me in a high risk category for exposure to others who are

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05/26/2020 04:37 PM	Lucy Parks	Charlotte, North Carolina 28213	True	sick. And this coronavirus is most dangerous because people can be spreading it and not be symptomatic at all.
				To me, it would be a good idea to mail out post-paid applications for absentee ballots to all NC citizens. Of course, some people wouldn't be eligible or haven't registered yet, but that would give the option to all would-be voters.
				Thank you for listening.
05/26/2020 04:37 PM	Lucy Parks	Charlotte, North Carolina 28213	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 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:
05/26/2020 04:38 PM	Ms. Barbara Sullivan	107 S. Fourth St, WILMINGTON, NC 28401	True	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. 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.
				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?
				Thank you.
05/26/2020 04:38 PM	Ms. Barbara Sullivan	107 S. Fourth St, WILMINGTON, NC 28401	True	I am in favor of this bill to make voting safer and more accessible in the 2020 election, in view of our present covid pandemic. I thank those who worked in a bipartisan manner to make this bill possible.
05/26/2020 04:39 PM	Ms Jill Castelli	50 Red Maple Dr., Weaverville, North Carolina 28787	True	In a democracy, there should be no obstacles. to voting! Especially during this pandemic, citing by mail should be easy

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05/26/2020 04:42 PM	Ms MaryNelle Smith	118 West Avondale Drive, Greensboro, United States	True	I am a 72 year old poll worker who will probably not be able to serve this November (unless a vaccine comes along beforehand). PLEASE allow Absentee ballots to require only one witness, since so many of us live alone or only have a spouse sheltering with us. Also, since there will doubtless need to be regular polls open on November 3rd, begin training less at-risk poll workers asap...surely there are many without jobs now who would welcome the money?
05/26/2020 04:42 PM	1949 Elizabeth Heafield	179 Skyview Circle, Asheville, North Carolina 28804	True	Lower the signature requirements on absentee ballots so no witnesses required---coronavirus makes very difficult for person living alone to have witness. Why do the voting machine vendors refuse to allow computer science professors (son is computer science professor) to test before elections the voting machines to see if the machines can and have been hacked? Want flexibility for counties to assign poll workers so can address potential poll worker shortages and to create early voting plans for safety of in-person voting.
05/26/2020 04:42 PM	Mrs Betsy Bullen	127 South Fields Circle, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	I don't see where having a voter ID added to the bill in question will, in any way, improve it. It would, in fact, slow it down, and we need that bill to pass NOW. Please remove the Voter ID requirement from HB 1169. ALL voters must have access to voting; that is in the Constitution.
05/26/2020 04:46 PM	Dr Jill Fegley	206 Bartlett Circle, Hillsborough, NC 27278	True	I support HB 1169 - Elections 2020. This bill will ensure that the November election is fair, safe and accessible to all NC voters. I would encourage the House to consider extending the voter registration deadline and providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes so that voters can drop off their ballot without compromising their health and safety. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important piece of legislation.
05/26/2020 04:47 PM	Mr Robert Sullivan	750 Weaver Dairy Rd Apt 223, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	I support House Bill 1169, and request that you consider the following additions: - Extend voter registration deadlines, - Give flexibility to counties when creating early voting plans to enhance safe in-person voting options - Provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters
05/26/2020 04:47 PM	Larry D McKeel	3559 Hamstead Ct, Durham, NC 27707	True	<p>Dear 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-</p>

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				<p>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. 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>As a North Carolina voter, please support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month.</p> <p>Thank you for your service to our state and your consideration of these comments.</p> <p>Sincerely, L. Dale McKeel, Durham NC</p>
05/26/2020 04:47 PM	Ms. Patricia Long	1101 Esher Ct, Raleigh, NC 27609	True	<p>For the sake of our democracy, it is imperative that voting in the fall election be offered to every voter in the safest possible way. Given that the medical experts anticipate a resurgence of the coronavirus in the fall, voting by mail may be the only safe method. HB 1169 makes some important changes that will assure wider participation in the election. Every citizen's right to vote must be protected. Please pass this important bill.</p>
05/26/2020 04:48 PM	Ms. Joan Walsh	1821 Atterbury Lane, Durham, NC 27712, Durham, NC 27712	True	<p>I am 75 years old and need a way to safely vote by mail from home. Also, I have only one other adult living in my house. I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill to make mail voting easier, safer, and more secure. In addition, I suggest that the NCGA provide funds for postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots are received by their respective BOE. It would also be very helpful to set up drop-boxes for voters to securely drop off a completed ballot in case the mail systems are overwhelmed or not able to 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>
05/26/2020 04:48 PM	Ms. Suzanne Adams	5043 Morrowick Rd, Charlotte, NC 28226	True	<p>Speaking as a passionate voter who is 84</p>

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				years old, I will feel very hesitant about voting in person next fall. I have read about the people who became infected after Wisconsin's disastrous primary. PLEASE protect our Republic by authorizing VOTING BY MAIL. Several states have done this without trouble, my former state of Colorado being one of them. VOTE FOR HOUSE BILL 1169! We're watching, we voters!
05/26/2020 04:50 PM	Mr James Selkirk	30119 Settle, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	This is an extremely important bill since it strives to insure that the entire state will be able to cast a ballot. This bill lends great help in not allowing the coronavirus to hinder people from seeing that their vote is counted. The addition of a statement requiring a voter ID attempts to pass the most injurious form of voter suppression and strikes at the heart fairness to all. This requirement must be struck from this bill immediately.
05/26/2020 04:51 PM	Mary Patterson	1816 Village Brook Dr F, Charlotte, NC 28210	True	Please add to the HB1169: Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters
05/26/2020 04:51 PM	I support HB 1169 Ruby Coughenour	2705 St John's Place, Winston-Salem, NC 27106-3800	True	This bill makes it easier to use an absentee ballot, which helps keep voters safe. I also support letting local county boards choose their early voting schedule.
05/26/2020 04:51 PM	Linda Brown	214 N. Boundary St., Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	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 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. Many voters will likely chose to vote by absentee ballot due to the uncertainty of COVID-19. I would like to see the General Assembly add postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all absentee ballots make it back to BOE, so that all votes are included and counted.
05/26/2020 04:51 PM	Ms. Susan B. McClanahan	109 Longwood Dr., Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	<p>Dear Representatives on the House Elections and Ethics Committee,</p> <p>I am being haunted by the visions of people standing in long lines wearing face masks as they voted in the midst of the coronavirus epidemic during the April 7, 2020 Michigan election. The vote was so important to each one of those voters, that they risked their health in order to vote. I pray that NO ONE in North Carolina needs to make that horrible choice in November 2020.</p> <p>In the current First Edition of HB 1169, I am thankful that you have:</p> <p>relaxed some poll worker recruitment</p>

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				<p>requirements, reduced vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and provided a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties.</p> <p>Please keep these incredibly valuable components in this bill.</p> <p>However, there is much more that HB1169 must do more to protect NC voters.</p> <p>Please add these components to the next version of this 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 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 the Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. <p>These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a much better shot at avoiding the election mistakes that Michigan and other states have made. Each mistake unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus, and 52 people who participated in the Michigan election actually DID contract the virus. There is NO excuse for that to happen here.</p> <p>As a North Carolina voter, I believe that I can count on you to make this your top priority: protecting the health of our people as they vote in spite of the coronavirus. Please support amendments that would expand HB1169’s basic protections for North Carolina voters this month. Thank you.</p>
05/26/2020 04:51 PM	Jean Averell	93 Meadowrue Lane, YOUNGSVILLE, NC 27596	True	<p>I would like to see drop boxes for the mail in ballot so don't have to rely on post office and having postage. I moved here from Nebraska and we always voted by mail and put in a secure outdoor drop box at nearby library. Also there was a website where you could check to make sure your ballot had been processed.</p>
05/26/2020 04:52 PM	Patrick Sweeney	8307 Chimneycap Dr., Raleigh, North Carolina 27613	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</p>

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				<p>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. 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 04:53 PM	Mrs. Joan Bruno	6 Pine Crescent Dr., Whispering Pines, NC 28327	True	I believe HB 1169 is a good start to better voting in NC. An absentee ballot should be made easier to use. I am of an age where it is difficult to stand in line and drive up is not my cup of tea.
05/26/2020 04:59 PM	H0use Bill 1169 Venetia Zachritz	22 Forest View Dr, Asheville, NC 28804	True	Please support this bill. It is necessary and needed during this unprecedented time.
05/26/2020 05:00 PM	Amy Altieri	210 N. Church Street 1512, Charlotte, Nc 28202	True	I am very concerned about voting at the pools in the face of a pandemic. If there is insufficient access to mail in voting there will be large crowds that I am not comfortable with.
05/26/2020 05:01 PM	Marla Laubisch	8 Glen Garnock Circle, RALEIGH, NC 27613	True	Please pass this bill. We don't know what circumstances will be in effect at election time due to the coronavirus and we cannot make people choose between voting and endangering their health or life.
05/26/2020 05:01 PM	Mr Hugh Giblin	4136 Trevor Circle, Durham, NC 27705	True	If this is for mailing ballots and absentee voting pass it.
05/26/2020 05:01 PM	Ms Wendy Tregay	311 Gresham Avenue, Durham, NC 27704	True	Please pass this bill. I would also like to see secure ballot dropboxes. Thank you.
05/26/2020 05:02 PM	Ms. Kelly Hofstatter	1816 Park Rd, Charlotte, NC 28203-5202	True	Thank you so much for working in a bipartisan manner on HB1169 for fair and safe elections. It is imperative that we have voting laws that allow NC voters to feel safe in the process and to also feel that the elections are secure. I agree with the requirement of just one signature for an absentee ballot and being able to request an absentee ballot by email/fax/phone, Also positive is flexibility for

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				counties to assign poll workers and funds for providing sanitation products to precincts. I strongly encourage consideration of ballot drop boxes so voters feel sure that their ballot made it to the election board especially since President Trump claimed "mailboxes will be robbed ." This just seems like an easy straight forward add that would put many voters minds at ease. So appreciate the ability to comment.
05/26/2020 05:04 PM	Dr. John Mark Cline	126 W. Banner Ave., Winston Salem, NC 27127	True	Thanks for working in a bipartisan way to help ensure voting access for all North Carolinians. Regarding universal voting by mail, I don't understand the rationale for banning it. There's next to no objective evidence of voter fraud by mail-in voting, and it helps older and confined people to vote safely. It seems to be less prone to fraud than the in-person ballot box, and might help to fix problems such as NC voters faced in the 9th congressional district.
05/26/2020 05:05 PM	Ms. Jinny Batterson	123 Windward Ct., Cary, NC 27513	True	I am writing to urge you to make it easier for voters to submit ballots by mail for the 2020 general election. I also urge you to increase funding for election processes in all areas of North Carolina, perhaps using some of the federal assistance money allocated for states. Due to the covid-19 pandemic, changes in voting procedures in most localities will be crucial to having an orderly election this autumn whose results will be accepted. During the 2020 primary season, I served as an election official, but am hesitant to sign up for the fall. I am an older worker with some underlying health risks. I do not want to have to choose between serving the public and staying healthy. Please take proactive measures to insure that we can hold free, fair, and safe elections for anyone eligible to vote. Thank you!
05/26/2020 05:09 PM	Mrs. Jeanne Murray	4007 Kildrummy Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27705	True	I want to see dropbox sites set up so that voters can securely drop off a completed ballot. 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.
05/26/2020 05:10 PM	Rev Susan Warren	656 Sand Hill Road, Asheville, NC 28806	True	The bill feels quite comprehensive. Glad to know it is a non-partisan bill. Following are a few suggestions: 1. It feels important to keep voter registration open as long as possible, and close it just before election day. 2. Have easy access to absentee ballots without the need to have 2 other people sign with you. 3. Provide secure, easy to access around the city, SECURE ballot drop boxers for absentee voters. 4. And since the terrain and needs of the voters in the many different counties in NC varies, it feels wise and important to

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				allow the people in the counties where they live to create their own early voting and in-person voting options.
05/26/2020 05:11 PM	Mr. Arthur Firth	1011 Emerald Bay Dr, Salisbury, NC 28146	True	You must pass this bill.
05/26/2020 05:12 PM	Ms. Taylor Libby	616 Windsong Ln, Durham, NC 27713	True	I live alone and don't know where I can find witnesses/notary while practicing social distancing. I am worried about a second wave in the fall, so making the rules known now is important for me to be able to plan ahead and comply with all of the rules.
05/26/2020 05:15 PM	Christine Sweetman	Cary, NC 27519	True	North Carolina needs to allow absentee, mail in voting. It needs to be without reason, and without witness signatures. There should be NOTHING that stands in the way of registered voters voicing their say. It should be seamless and simple. It should be offered to all voters, without even having to ask. Other states are sending out requests for ballots so voters can reply easily to receive a ballot. North Carolina needs to offer the same for its voters. Our present system can barely handle all the voters that have to wait in line normally, and now we have a pandemic which will have to change the logistics regardless of mail in votes. Mail in votes just make sense, and make it safer and easier, for the voter, and the counting!
05/26/2020 05:15 PM	Dr. Stephen Fegley	206 Bartlett Circle, Hillsborough , NC 27278	True	I support the intent of House Bill 1169 to make the upcoming elections safer in the presence of COVID-19. Relaxing the witness requirement for mail-in ballots (which could have been forged anyways), making the procedure for requesting mail-in ballots easier and more efficient, allowing flexibility for staffing polling stations, and providing funds for polling station cleaning and safety all strike me as reasonable actions to enhance voting and social safety without compromising electoral integrity.
05/26/2020 05:16 PM	Mr. Paul Weichselbaum	910 S Park Pl, Hendersonville, North Carolina 28791	True	The impetus for any bill concerning voting in North Carolina must be focused on 2 concerns: 1) providing for the enfranchisement of every eligible voter, rather than placing obstacles to registration and voting; and 2) taking into account the COVID-19 pandemic, which appears likely to undermine eligible voters' safety at polling places this November. HB 1169 fails on both counts. This bill retains obstacles such as requiring a witness for absentee voting, fails to even address early voting, and adds unnecessary and potentially confusing photo voter ID language already blocked by two separate courts. Other parts of the bill are improvements on current policies, and it is essential that federal relief funds be provided to the counties. To improve the proposal it should allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by

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				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.
05/26/2020 05:17 PM	Mx. Cole Parke	601 Oakwood Ave, Durham, NC 27701	True	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 (including Washington, where I previously lived), and I believe it is time for NC to use this tool to expand the ways for voters to use absentee ballots successfully.
05/26/2020 05:20 PM	Gail Woods	42 Summersweet Lane, Chapel Hill , NC 27516	True	Whether using absentee ballots that can be dropped off/drive through/walk up outdoor NC Citizens should be allow to return their ballot by mail or dropping their ballot in a monitored drop box at Community Colleges, schools or other State owned County owned buildings with large parking lots. Walk through from outdoor through gyms to pick up ballot then exit to complete in covered sidewalk parking garages before returning ballot to a monitored ballot box. Face masks, face shields and gloves should be provide for all poll workers.
05/26/2020 05:21 PM	Dr. Kathryn Pollak	2016 Woodrow Street, Durham , NC 27705	True	<p>I am worried about every citizen's right to vote. We need to be able to vote safely. Many cannot vote by mail if they need a witness. We need a way to do these elections safely that protects our right to vote and also protects our health.</p> <p>Thank you for considering.</p> <p>Warmly,</p> <p>Dr. Kathryn Pollak</p>
05/26/2020 05:23 PM	NA martyr belin	2618 Augusta Dr., Durham, NC 27707	True	I am 70 , have MS and need to do an absentee ballot but I do not have two people in my house who can be witnesses for and absentee ballot. I hope the legislature can come together and make voting safe and secure for all of us . I know that steps have to be taken NOW so that counties are ready in the fall.
05/26/2020 05:25 PM	Mrs. Rosemary Lardner	721 Shelley Road, Raleigh, NC 27609	True	I strongly support the bipartisan elections bill HB1169 to improve our fall elections.
05/26/2020 05:26 PM	2526381124 linda klopff	103 randomwood lane, new bern, nc 28462	True	I very strongly support this bill, it is long over due and is essential during this time of crisis for the safety of the people of NC.
05/26/2020 05:29 PM	Dr. Kenneth Friedman	409 Longleaf Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-3036	True	It is essential to enable fair elections in the fall, and this bill is a significant step in that direction. All eligible voters should be able to cast ballots by mail or in person. I support key provisions, such as lowering the number of witnesses needed to cast valid mail-in ballots to 1, providing resources for sanitizers so that poll

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				workers and voters alike will be able to work in and visit polling places safely. HB 1169 is also worthwhile for its provisions mandating the flexibility for counties to better address potential poll worker shortages.
				The bill is a solid first step, and I hope the General Assembly will not only pass the bill, but will also consider future legislation that will extend voter registration deadlines, allow counties to be flexible when establishing early voting plans to ensure safe in-person voting options, and enable secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters. I also encourage the General Assembly to some day consider making Election Day a state holiday. Toss Columbus Day to keep it neutral from an economic standpoint.
				I support HB 1169 as a means to provide confidence in our elections, and to ensure unfettered access for registered voters to participate in fair elections. It is essential that candidates for elected office in North Carolina compete based on their ideas for improving the lives of everyone in the state, rather than adhering to antiquated or erroneous notions of proper voting procedures.
05/26/2020 05:30 PM	Ms. Linda Smith	1528 Peace Lane, Wilmington , NC 28412	True	We need to make elections safer and accessible for everyone and especially so for those who are at higher risk for Covid 19. Please pass this legislation.
05/26/2020 05:31 PM	Karen Garloch	10044 Avon Farm Lane, Charlotte, North Carolina 28269	True	I'm concerned about this year's election because of the coronavirus and the social distancing we all need to practice. I'm 69 and healthy but I am not taking chances so I have applied for an absentee ballot. I implore you to make this election as open as possible and as safe as possible. And stop playing politics with our right to vote.
05/26/2020 05:33 PM	Ms Melanie Lane	1917 Castleburg dr, Apex, NC 27523	True	I commend you guys for making some Headway on a common sense bill to deal with election needs this coming year. I would ask that you not add a poison pill of voter id language that has been thrown out multiple times already. Make voting matter by seeking more people to vote not fewer and you save our republican. Now is the time to do this.
05/26/2020 05:33 PM	Ms Linda Murchison	418 S Front St, Wilmington, NC 28401	True	I am in favor of this bill. Please pass it!!!!
05/26/2020 05:34 PM	Elizabeth Glatstein	164 Skyview Circle, Asheville, NC 28804-2762	True	I believe this bill is an important first step to making sure the November election is fair, safe and accessible to all voters.
05/26/2020 05:35 PM	Lee Niegelsky	140 W. Franklin St. Unit 427, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	We truly are facing a set of circumstances surrounding the upcoming election that are unprecedented in our lifetimes. Health risks and job losses/economic instability are going to impact the viability of in-person voting for substantial percentages of our citizenry. Therefore, the legislature needs to enact election guidelines that will enable EVERY qualified citizen who wishes to vote to have unencumbered access to

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				the ballot box. This requires innovative and improved access to mail-in ballots, early voting polling place flexibility, and broad support for polling place staffing needs impacted by the pandemic. In short, the legislature needs to insure that, during this unique health and economic crisis, each citizen's fundamental right to vote is preserved. To do any less would be a basic failure of our democracy.
05/26/2020 05:35 PM	Mr Robert Thomason	2129 Queens Rd W, Charlotte, NC 28207	True	The upcoming elections could be a turning point in the US for better or worse. North Carolina needs to be a leader in ensuring the former outcome and not the latter. The virus most assuredly will keep thousands of vulnerable North Carolinians away from the polls. We simply must take special action to make it easy for them to participate in our democracy this fall. I urge our leaders to take action NOW to streamline a vote-by-mail process. If we don't do so, no matter who wins, the election will be deemed illegitimate - and it will be. This will exacerbate our current division which is already just a degree or two shy of the boiling point. People are already bringing military weapons into our state capitols. What do you think will be the next step for them? Our leaders need to answer the call of history while there is still time.
05/26/2020 05:38 PM	Mr Donald Smith	4104 Stranaver Place, Raleigh, NC 27612	True	My wife and I are both over 65 and would prefer to vote by mail if possible.
05/26/2020 05:40 PM	Katie Moore	1314 Hill St Apt D, Durham, NC 27707	True	<p>I am a resident of Durham County, currently living with a family member who is at higher risk for COVID-19 complications. We are doing everything in our power to limit exposure to the virus and will continue to exercise caution for quite some time. I am urging the NCGA to make voting this November as easy, accessible and safe for us and all North Carolinians including adding postage-paid envelopes, setting up dropboxes where voters can safely return their ballots, and making sure that instructions are clear, understandable and available in multiple languages.</p> <p>MAT teams: Section 2(b) – by August 1, SBOE and DHHS shall submit 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?</p> <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>

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05/26/2020 05:41 PM	Ms Nancy Jennings	839 Thornton Pl, Hendersonville, NC 28791	True	<p>Thank you for taking action to make sure that all North Carolinians can vote safely in our next election.</p> <p>This bill references a Voter ID requirement which has been enjoined by the courts and it calls for spaces for two witness signatures although only requires one witness on an absentee ballot. Both of these could serve to confuse our state's voters. I think it's important to make instructions clear and keep confusion off our ballots.</p>
05/26/2020 05:43 PM	Mrs. Susan Smith	216 Lucky Ribbon Lane, Holly Springs, NC 27540	True	<p>Please pass this bill. My husband and I are in our 70s and both of us have chronic health conditions that make us high risk for the virus. Please make voting by absentee ballot as accessible as possible.</p>
05/26/2020 05:43 PM	Mr Joseph Oldham	3729 N Lakeshore Dr, Clemmons, NC 27012	True	<p>I am 60, with underlying conditions that make my Covid risk much greater. No one should have to risk their life to vote. Ensuring every citizen can reasonably feel safe and able to cast their ballot is the most important thing the NCGA can do. We need a generous vote by mail option. We don't need any sneaky obstruction snuck in.</p>
05/26/2020 05:45 PM	Lindsey McCoy	5800 Perennial lane, Wilmington , NC 28403	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. 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. 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</p>

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05/26/2020 05:45 PM	Ms Emily Wilkins	611 Ruby St., Durham, NC 27704	True	North Carolina voters this month?
				Thank you!
				I urge you to expand HB 1169 to clarify voter ID information for voting by mail. In clear and simple language, assure that each eligible voter may cast a ballot for free, regardless of their zipcode, last name, age, appearance, ability or party affiliation. I am a pollworker in Durham County, and I am willing to put my life on the line for voters. But I should not have to. Nor should any voter fear it necessary to risk contracting this deadly virus to vote in person. I take the oath of impartiality very seriously and expect you to insure safe, free and fair elections.
05/26/2020 05:45 PM	Mr Tom Atherton	32 Spears, Asheville, NC 28801	True	Thank you, Emily Wilkins
				We need to ensure that the election provides ample opportunities for everyone to vote fairly and without undue burden to health, work and income, mobility and more. Some things that should be added to this bill to that end include 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 Also we need to pass the measures already in the bill that address issues with the current election process. Lowers the signature requirement 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 Thank you for making sure our election is a fair and equal opportunity to participate in our elections. Fair elections are a fundamental cornerstone of our democracy and there is ample evidence of voter suppression efforts in our great state in the very recent past and going back many years to slavery. So the job in building our democracy is not yet complete and further measures can and should be implimented to keep everyone safe and involved in a process that works for everyone in NC. Thank you for your efforts toward this crucial goal. -Tom A.
				Safe and fair elections are necessary!
05/26/2020 05:48 PM	Ms. Ann Stone	337 Woodsong Trl, Boone, North Carolina	True	

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05/26/2020 05:48 PM	Ms. Sharon Burlingame	620 Rutledge Dr., Hendersonville, NC 28739	True	1. Absentee ballot envelopes should reflect that only ONE WITNESS is needed. 2. Omit the in-person Voter ID requirement, in that the courts have already found that this cannot be required, and in that it is too late to conduct voter education concerning Voter ID at this time, and in that this will confuse voters as the requirement is tossed back and forth. 3. Extend Voter Registration opportunity as long as possible.
05/26/2020 05:49 PM	Mr Donald Webster	14230 Nc Highway 801, Mt Ulla, NC 28125-7721	True	Please consider mail in ballots for our NC elections in November. We need to ensure a fair and healthy election for voters and poll workers
05/26/2020 05:51 PM	Dr. Michael Babyak	3100 Cool Spring Dr., Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514	True	I fully support vote my mail. Speaking for myself and others over 60 and with medical conditions that may confer high risk if infected with COVID19, it is in the people's interest to make vote by mail universal and easily performed. Anything less can be seen only as a blatant attempt to suppress the will of the people.
05/26/2020 05:51 PM	Ms Ellen Peric	1095 Wheeler Smith Rd, Lawsonville, NC 27022	True	I am a poll worker and would like to see every possible way to vote made easier. We should encourage and educate the public on absentee voting. For social distancing - we should have more early voting sites and more hours open so there is no crowding. This pandemic will not magically disappear this fall.
05/26/2020 05:53 PM	Ms Shannon Teel	4833 Autumn Leaf Lane, Charlotte, NC 28277	True	Please support House Bill 1169. Thank you!
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05/26/2020 05:54 PM	Mrs. PATRICIA MONTEE	5735 Mantario Drive, CHARLOTTE, NC 28269	True	I would urge that House Bill 1169 be expanded, I am one of those elderly who cannot risk exposure in this Pandemic. Wisconsin's voting problems should be an urgent call for North Carolina to ensure our voters' safety. Please ensure that absentee ballots are readily available, and can be requested by phone, e-mail, or online. Drop the restrictions that a majority of poll workers must come from the precinct where they serve. This will surely be one more impediment for those workers who are public spirited enough to show up, and they should be supplied masks and gloves. Please expand voter registration time—this virus threat will likely still be complicating everyone's time use and mobility. Most important for those like me who want to vote by mail that there are clearly stated places (or ample secure drop box locations) to send our ballots. Thank you.
05/26/2020 05:56 PM	Ms J. Goguen	20010 Grier, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	I strongly support the above-referenced proposed legislation which would hopefully serve as a first step to responding to the current Covid crisis and protecting the integrity of our elections.
05/26/2020 05:57 PM	Mrs. Tia Hall	306 Gray Ave, Durham, NC 27701	True	Expand HB 1169 to allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and

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				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.
05/26/2020 05:58 PM	House bill 1169 Rita Randle	150 Whittington Ridge Dr. , Taylorsville , North Carolina 28681	True	I'm asking law makers to say NO to House Bill 1169.
05/26/2020 05:58 PM	Rodney Hicks	1157 Terry Rd , Germanton , NC 27019	True	I feel there is no time that the Board of Elections should be given this power. The people elected representatives that should speak for them when it comes to these matters. Giving the governor and the board untethered power is both dangerous and reckless.
05/26/2020 05:58 PM	sharon Cullinan	7904 Haymarket Ln, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	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.
05/26/2020 06:00 PM	Laurine Jones	215B Ann Street, Wilmington , NC 28401	True	I strongly support making absentee voting easily accessible to all as well as counties to have flexibility in this process. This is essential due to ongoing threats to health and the importance of protecting our democratic right to vote.
05/26/2020 06:02 PM	Mr. Henry DOAR	214 Robinlynn Rd., Matthews, NC 28105	True	It is unconscionable that the NC Legislature would even consider not making it easier for people to vote. Indeed, I have often wondered why we Americans have to take time off from work, go to an inconvenient polling location, or stand in line for hours to perform what is duly required of a free people, i.e. VOTE! The NC Legislature needs to stand up for democracy and make the process of voting as easy as possible and not throw roadblocks in the path every time there is an election or referendum. Pass vote by mail NOW!
05/26/2020 06:02 PM	Fran Rudolph	Wilmington, NC 28403	True	Vote yes!
05/26/2020 06:02 PM	Dr. Jo Cooley	11267 Hyde pointe ct, Charlotte, North Carolina 28262	True	I am 66 years old and do not want to risk my health to vote.....Please make it an easy process for North Carolinians to vote by mail.
05/26/2020 06:03 PM	Ms Jennifer Roberts	619 Clement Ave, Charlotte, NC 28204	True	Please support changes to NC voting law that will make it easier and safer for people to vote. During this pandemic, many people do not have access to two people to witness their mail-in ballot, and NC is one of the few states that currently requires this. It is an unnecessary obstacle to people being able to exercise their constitutional right to vote. Eliminating or reducing this requirement is essential. Also, the ways that people can request an absentee ballot currently are an unnecessary obstacle. There are

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				people who do not have a stamp to mail a request and do not want to enter a post office (because of COVID) to buy one (or have no transportation to get there). People should be allowed to request a ballot by email. Again this is an accepted practice in many states. In addition, they should receive a pre-stamped or metered envelope to return their ballot; otherwise, this could be considered a poll tax, requiring people to buy a stamp in order to vote. We need to be moving to universal vote by mail. Our current system makes it too hard for many to access the process--students, low-income citizens, the disabled, the elderly, and more. This is a bi-partisan issue. Please support changes to election law. Jennifer Roberts, former mayor of Charlotte.
05/26/2020 06:04 PM	Jae C.	Durham, NC 27701	True	<p>Personally, I live alone and don't have a car. Trying to find witnesses/notary within reasonable walking distance, while practicing social distancing is going to be difficult. I am worried about a second wave in the fall, so making the rules known now is important for me to be able to plan ahead and comply with all of the rules. I would be thrilled to see a bipartisan bill that will make mail voting easier, safe and secure. I want to fulfill my civic duty and right to vote while not risking my own life and the lives of others. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <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 votes are counted.• 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.• Specifically for incarcerated voters, I

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				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 06:06 PM	Angie Cano-Flores	1206 North Mangum Street, Durham , NC 27701	True	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. Also, 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.
05/26/2020 06:07 PM	Tyler Morra	1206 N Mangum St, Durham, NC 27701	True	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. Additionally, 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.
05/26/2020 06:07 PM	Mr Mark Rodin	203 Cottage Lane, Durham, NC 27713-7301	True	I have served as an elections worker in North Carolina since 2007 (except for 2008) and have been a judge in my home precinct for the past eight years. I have also worked early voting since the 2016 primary with the exception of municipal elections in 2019. My greatest concern is all voters and election workers feel safe. That means giving election workers face masks and face shields, having plenty of hand sanitizer and disposable pens on hand for workers and voters as well as requiring all polling places to be large enough to support social distancing and many voters at once. While I would not support all the changes being requested by some 30 voter advocacy groups, I strongly support appropriating enough money so return postage for mail in ballots would be paid by the NC Board of Elections. Let's make voting easier and not duplicate the Wisconsin primary model. Thank you.
05/26/2020 06:08 PM	Mrs. Susan Hartsburg	144 Bellwood Circle, Sunset Beach, NC 28468	True	I agree with HB 1169 but would also like to have included the following: extend voter

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				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 safety.
05/26/2020 06:10 PM	Mrs. Stacy Staggs	11416 Abernathy Rd, Charlotte, North Carolina 28216	True	As an active voter and concerned citizen in NC, I support the passage of HB1169 to expand access and simplify the process for eligible, regsitered voters to cadt their ballots safely for the November 2020 election.
05/26/2020 06:10 PM	Ms. Marilyn Davis	4304 Winforde Road, Wilmington , NC 28412	True	Please allow more options for voting. Especially during this time of COVID19. I have been fearful of this virus and have restricted my movement. I have been working from home since mid-March and really only leaving home with a mask and gloves for necessities.
05/26/2020 06:11 PM	Mr George Elam	12 Scenic View Dr , Weaverville , NC 28787	True	To make a good bill better, I suggest you consider authorizing secure drop boxes for voter to deposit ballots. This would save money on postage for the voter and the local BOE if it was required to pay for insufficient postage since the postal service has a policy of not returning ballots for insufficient or no postage. Another benefit is the voter would not have to go out and stand in line at the post office to buy the proper postage. Reducing personal exposure.
05/26/2020 06:12 PM	Thaddaeus Edwards	1307 Lancaster St Apt B, Durham, NC 27701	True	Granting NC voters the ability to cast votes by mail is an idea whose time is long overdue. YES to voting by mail!
05/26/2020 06:13 PM	Community Engagement Dir. Grace Marsh	5808 solitude way, Durham, Nc 27713	True	I strongly support HB 1169.
05/26/2020 06:14 PM	john skemp	590 wool branch rd, MARSHALL, NC 28753-6520	True	Democracy is our (US) most important contribution to the modern world. Please pass this so we can have the free and fair election we are entitled to. JS
05/26/2020 06:15 PM	Dr. Carol Clark	53 Laughing Fox Cir, Burnsville, NC 28714-6698	True	While HB 1169 provisions would make it easier for some to cast a ballot during the pandemic, it excludes some key bipartisan recommendations and adds unnecessary and potentially-confusing photo voter ID language already blocked by two separate courts. To remedy these shortcomings, I urge the committee to support amendments that would: 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), 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.
05/26/2020 06:17 PM	Dr. James Rice	4224 Laurel Ridge Dr, Raleigh, NC 27612-5425	True	Thank you for your consideration. I strongly support all the provisions in House Bill 1169. The Coronavirus pandemic is posing unprecedented

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				<p>challenges for millions of citizens across North Carolina, and the pandemic is not going to magically disappear by November. We must take steps now to assure that North Carolinians can vote safely this November, regardless of what is happening then with the pandemic. Even if there is not a surge going on, things will not be "normal", and the risks will remain high for older citizens and those with underlying risk factors. So the need for the proposed changes is urgent.</p> <p>In addition I encourage you to also extend voter registration deadlines. People have a lot more challenges to deal with just to get through daily life right now, so having a wider window for voter registration is important. Please also give flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options. And it would be helpful to provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters. Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters. Thank you.</p>
05/26/2020 06:17 PM	Dr. Robert Lane	201 Cumberland Ave., Asheville, NC 28801	True	Please do all you can to make it easier and safer to vote. Please do all to encourage absentee voting and give flexibility to counties to set times for early voting. Please allow poll workers to work in counties other than their own. PLEASE provide return postage for absentee ballots and minimize requirements that could invalidate absentee ballots. Thanks!
05/26/2020 06:18 PM	Ms. Toni Dewey	3209 Dalton Ct, Wilmington, NC 28405	True	I support this bill, at this time voting by mail may be the only safe way to cast our ballots.
05/26/2020 06:21 PM	Jennifer Blair	5300 Blakeley Lane, Raleigh, NC 27613	True	I am in favor of allowing for mailing in votes this election year.
05/26/2020 06:24 PM	Ms Diana Gray	2310 Ardmore Terrace Apt A, Winston-Salem, NC 27103	True	Easing the witness requirements and streamlining the NC absentee ballot are critical actions needed to ensure successful mail in voting this November. It is the only way voters can safely exercise their franchise!
05/26/2020 06:30 PM	Douglas Furness	900 Johns Orchard Lane, Wilmington, NC 28411	True	<p>During this time of the virus, I would certainly allow absentee voting. Especially, since there will not be a vaccine until late this year at best.</p> <p>People should not need to risk their lives to vote.</p>
05/26/2020 06:30 PM	Election Bill Kevin Daniels	1004 Skywatch Ln , Monroe, NC 28112	True	Please add free postage for absentee ballots and making election day a state holiday. Thank you!
05/26/2020 06:36 PM	Mr. Todd Herman	800 Quail Ridge Ct., Greensboro, NC 27455	True	Please build upon what is already in this Bill by including more common-sense ideas to improve access to voting and to protect citizens in the November elections, especially since we do not know how COVID-19 will impact voting 5 months from now.
05/26/2020 06:37 PM	COMMENT Cynthia Tran	6007 Sedgewick rd , Indian Trail , North	False	!!!! THIS IS OF IMPORTANCE

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05/26/2020 06:37 PM	Miss Bryant Holsenbeck	2007 Pershing St, Durham, NC 27705	True	I have just turned 70 and I live alone.yl desperate want a way to feel safe while voting. therefore 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. I live alone and don't know where I can find witnesses/ notary while practicing social distance. I am worried about a second wave in the fall, so making the rules known now is important for me to be able to plan ahead and comply with all of them. thank you for your work on helping to make voting safe for all of us.
05/26/2020 06:39 PM	Ms. Carol Perine	11 Wakefield Drive Apt. #2113, Asheville, NC 28803	True	I endorse this bill and would appreciate my legislators approving it. I would not be disappointed if they added even more items to protect our elections.
05/26/2020 06:41 PM	ms Barbra Roberman	2015 Wilson St, Durham, North Carolina 27705-3223	True	I believe this bill is an important first step to making sure the November election is fair, safe and accessible to all voters.
05/26/2020 06:45 PM	Mr. Christopher Benz	1406 Milton Rd Suite 116, Durham, North Carolina 27712-1525	True	For the sake of our collective health, please make voting remotely a viable option.
05/26/2020 06:45 PM	Joe Melliere		True	Please include funding for and mandate postage-paid return envelopes with every absentee ballot to ensure more registered voters who do not want to risk their health or can't vote in person are able to vote regardless of income/access to postage. In addition, I would like to see a legislative commitment to recruiting and training younger poll workers to ensure no polling places nor early voting sites/hours need to be taken away due to a lack of poll workers. As most poll workers are elderly, I foresee many of them choosing to stay home since they are a high risk population and fear that this will result in widespread disenfranchisement due to a lack of available and trained poll workers.
05/26/2020 06:46 PM	Frances Scarlett	8538 Jadewood Dr, Wilmington, NC 28411	True	I think citizens should be able to exercise their constitutional rights by having voting access in a variety of ways since we have an unprecedented situation with COVID.
05/26/2020 06:48 PM	Henry Stanley	104 Fox Run, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	In this unprecedented time, it becomes more necessary than ever to ensure that all citizens of the united states have an equal and inalienable ability to cast a vote for the presidency, while also remaining safe from potential contagion. Traditional and archaic methods of voting are not an option, and neither is apathetic suppression. Please allow the voices of the people to be heard; a segue into the modern era of voting is long overdue.
05/26/2020 06:48 PM	Barbara Wedehase	5217 Niagra Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	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

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05/26/2020 06:48 PM	William Veazey	108 Racquet Lane, Statesville, NC 28625	True	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:
				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. 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.
05/26/2020 06:49 PM	Dr. Judith Hartsook	1880 Brookwood Ave. 422, Burlington, NC 27215	True	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?
				Thank you.
				Please make absentee voting easier for us older generation, not the best eyesight, not the best health. Some of us are not quit ready to go out in the uncaring public.
05/26/2020 06:49 PM	Dr. Judith Hartsook	1880 Brookwood Ave. 422, Burlington, NC 27215	True	I understand that the legislature is looking at simplifying voting by mail by requiring only one witness. I think that is an excellent idea. I urge you to press for state wide mail in balloting with no application needed. Mail it out to all eligible voters prior to the election. I feel this is urgently needed for a free and fair election in the Fall. I know this will be very expensive but the stakes are high. Postage paid return envelopes would also help to ensure a robust turnout for all voters. The Covid Virus could seriously threaten the integrity of the coming election. . All citizens should be assured of the ability to vote without having to expose themselves to the virus. I strongly believe that the integrity of our Democracy is at stake here. We must plan ahead due to the volatility of the situation with the Virus.
				Thank you for your consideration and I would appreciate a response to this

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05/26/2020 06:50 PM	Ms. April Strickland	1103 Dover Rd., Greensboro , NC 27408	True	comment
				Sincerely,
				Judith E. Hartsook, Ph.D.
				Retired Psychologist
05/26/2020 06:50 PM	Ms. April Strickland	1103 Dover Rd., Greensboro , NC 27408	True	Voting is a right and a responsibility. All of us are entitled to that right, regardless of our race, creed, color or our life opportunities. We are all equally valuable participants. Please pass HB1169 to facilitate voting which will enrich all of our lives, especially now more than ever!
05/26/2020 06:52 PM	Mrs. Patricia Eisenach	622 Arbor Rd, Winston-Salem, NC 27104	True	I am in the high risk category of the COVID pandemic due to my age, and I do not feel that it will be safe to vote in person in the November election. Please make it easier for everyone to vote by absentee mail-in ballot. The absentee request form should be able to be completed and sent online instead of having to print out and mail. The instructions should be clearly written. I do not have 2 people who live in my home who could be witnesses, so the witness requirement should be reduced to one witness. The ballot return envelopes should be postage paid. Thank you for giving everyone the opportunity to vote in a safe and secure manner.
05/26/2020 06:53 PM	Susan Patterson	209 s 5th ave, Wilmington, NC 28401	True	This needs to be put in place at this time with worry over Covid-19 Please consider the passage of this bill
05/26/2020 06:56 PM	Mrs. Martha Rule	3527 Daisy Ln. , Wake Forest, NC 27587	True	I have been voting by mail for a number of years due to poor vision and the inability to drive to a polling place. However I am now greatly concerned about the safety of mail in ballots because I have seen on the news via television and Internet how many ballots don't get counted. I take the privilege of voting very seriously and I'm very concerned about my vote being counted. I hope someone will come up with a very safe way for all ballots to be counted properly and honestly. In addition, I am concerned for my fellow low vision and or blind friends who find it very challenging to vote whether it be by mail or by in person. Some cannot get to a polling place, some go to the polling place but find very little assistance available. I appreciate the opportunity to express myself and hope that all opinions and thoughts will be taken seriously in order to help those who cannot always do

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				something for themselves.
05/26/2020 06:56 PM	Ms Rosanne Dixon	210 North Church Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202	True	It is so important to keep voters safe and to avoid another onslaught of Covid-19 cases. Not only needless loss of life, but a ravaged economy would follow. Lets do u mail in voting to uphold our Democracy and no less keep our country on stable footing.
05/26/2020 06:58 PM	Emily Parrott	610 windmill street, walnut cove, NC 27052	True	Vote NO to this bill! House Bill 1169 is nothing more than voter suppression disguised as voter protection. The right to vote is guaranteed in the Constitution. We need more access for all to vote not more restrictions. NC is the most gerrymandered state in the union. Voting no to this bill will avoid a lengthy and costly court battle that will only end with the federal courts finding it is illegal.
05/26/2020 06:58 PM	Michelle Bush	1410 Falling Star Way, Durham, NC 27704	True	It should be easier for visually impaired people to vote, especially via ABSENTEE BALLOT! All underhanded attempts to stop ethenic or other groups from voting should be stopped. There should be more training and information surrounding the voting process.
05/26/2020 07:00 PM	MS Sandra Belcher	1880 Brookwood Ave. 422, Burlington, NC 27215	True	I appreciate the changes you are considering but you haven't gone far enough. A Mail In Ballot should be universally available to all North Carolina Registered Voters with out needing to request it. There is considerable evidence that Mail in Ballots increase the number of citizens participating in an election. In a Democracy that is a very good thing.
05/26/2020 07:00 PM	MS LAURIE FOX	1408 ALABAMA AVE, DURHAM, NC 27705	True	PLEASE SUPPORT HB 1169 TO IMPROVE AND EXPAND VOTING IN NC
05/26/2020 07:00 PM	Ms Deborah Gooch	107 Shady Falls Rd, Deep Gap, NC 28618	True	Please protect our right to vote ...and stay healthy. Vote for House bill 1169.
05/26/2020 07:02 PM	Mr. Francis Cappella	3209 Dalton Court, Wilmington, North Carolina 28405	True	I Agree
05/26/2020 07:02 PM	Ms Linda Alfredson	21 Red Oak Rd, Asheville, NC 28804	True	<p>Please pass this bill. Voting is so important, especially this year. Everyone needs to be able to vote.</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>We also need:</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>

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05/26/2020 07:05 PM	Ms. Betty Gatano	2213 Dahlgreen Rd, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	I am in the high risk category for Covid19 and am very apprehensive about voting in person in November. I support this bill, which allows easier access to absentee ballads. Please pass this bill
05/26/2020 07:07 PM	Kimberly Ratliff	9430 Greenbank Ct, Charlotte, NC 28214	True	As drafted, House Bill 1169 would 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. While HB1169's common-sense proposals would make it easier for some to cast a ballot amid the pandemic, it ignores other key bipartisan recommendations provided months ago that would protect even more voters, including at-risk Black and Brown communities. Amendments to HB1169 are immediately needed in the House Elections and Ethics Committee to expand voter protections, and ensure this vital legislation does more to keep all of our state's voters safe during the 2020 elections.
05/26/2020 07:09 PM	Ms Virginia Wright-Frierson	1619 Princess St., Wilmington, NC 28401	True	Please please please. Make it easier and safer for us to vote in this important election coming up
05/26/2020 07:10 PM	Lynn York	764 Utopia Drive, Cullowhee, NC 28723	True	Please continue to make it possible for me to vote by mail. I live in a rural area and am 78 years old and voting by mail is the only way I can vote.My grandmother fought for my right, as a woman, to vote, and my ancestors and immediate family fought and died to protect our democracy. We must be able to choose our leaders and the only way we can adequately express our convictions is through the vote. I need to vote by mail. Do not deny me that right.
05/26/2020 07:13 PM	Shannon Robinson	21 Joci Ct, Durham , NC 27704	True	I am worried about a second wave of COVID-19 happening in the fall, so making the rules known now is important for me to be able to plan ahead and comply with all of the rules. I also have several friends in Durham County who live alone and are high-risk because of their immune systems being weak due to illness. I am not sure they will be able to understand the need for witnesses/notary while practicing social distancing and staying isolated at home.
05/26/2020 07:15 PM	Lynn Bernstein		True	Dear Legislators, My name is Lynn Bernstein and I live in Cary, NC. My field of work is in aerospace engineering, specifically in systems integration & test. I have worked full-time on election integrity, security, and transparency for nearly 4 years. Recently, I founded Transparent Elections NC, a grassroots volunteer group seeking to advance evidence-based elections through a transparent, trackable and publicly verified process.

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				<p>I regularly attend state and county boe meetings, canvasses, and audits. Frequently, I am the only member of the public in attendance. For the 2020 primary election, I was an official observer for the Wake Dem party and my troubling observations have only bolstered my passion for improving the election process in NC. Unfortunately, my observations do not include my county's process on election night because the ED would not allow the public to enter the building despite there being a quorum of the board present on election night.</p> <p>Background Democracy depends on candidates and citizens trusting in the integrity of the democratic electoral process. It is up to all election officials to conduct evidence based elections and the state should require a transparent, trackable, and publicly verified process.</p> <p>A Meredith College poll conducted in February 2020 showed that only 27.9% of registered NC voters said they were “very confident” that “the voting processes in North Carolina will produce accurate results.” News stories questioning the voting process and highlighting attempted election fraud by voters, officials, and foreign entities are a daily occurrence.</p> <p>Our lawmakers understood the necessity for public oversight, which is clearly and purposefully written into NC law. GS 163-182.2(a)(3) “Any member of the public wishing to witness the vote count at any level shall be allowed to do so.”</p> <p>Each recommendation below is in response to continued ill-advised practices that NC counties engage in - most recently during the 2020 Primary Election. Many of the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) recommended best practices are not followed by counties and should be explicitly mandated by NC law. A failure to mandate adherence puts the state and counties in legal jeopardy - as candidates could convincingly claim that there was ample opportunity for fraud.</p> <p>Sources Meredith College Poll: The 2020 NC Primary Registered Voters in North Carolina Date 2/16-24/2020 https://www.meredith.edu/assets/images/content/Final_Meredith_College_Poll_Report_February_2020.pdf</p> <p>Department of Justice, May 21, 2020 “Former Philadelphia Judge of Elections</p>

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				Convicted of Conspiring to Violate Civil Rights and Bribery” https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/former-philadelphia-judge-elections-convicted-conspiring-violate-civil-rights-and-bribery
				Election Assistance Commission: 6 TIPS For Conducting Election Audits https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/eac_assets/1/6/EAC_6TipsForConductingElectionAudits_508_HiRes.pdf
				National Conference of State Legislators: Election Security: State Policies 8/2/2019 https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/election-security-state-policies.aspx
				Recommended Changes to current NC Election Law
				1. All county Board of Elections shall post meeting minutes on their county boe website so the public may stay informed of public business. Minutes shall include public comments as part of the record.
				2. Public shall be notified of the date/time of all pre-election acceptance and logic & accuracy testing of voting equipment. Public shall be allowed to observe testing and receive copies of test plans, test reports and log files of all pre-election testing.
				3. All boxes of ballots and precinct scanner (usb) removable media picked up by the chief judge prior to the election shall have serial numbered tamper evident seals affixed to them. Serial numbered tamper evident seals shall be verified and recorded by a bi-partisan precinct team at pre-election pick-up of election materials, again at the precinct on the morning of the election prior to polls opening, and again as part of poll closing procedures.
				4. Precinct chief judges shall boot up precinct scanners and print zero tapes no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the start of the polls opening. Boot up and zero tape printing procedures shall be conducted in the presence of a bi-partisan team of precinct judges.
				5. When ballots are removed from the precinct scanner bin, they shall be immediately placed in a container and a serial numbered tamper evident seal shall be signed, and affixed to the container; the serial number shall be logged into chain-of-custody records by a bi-partisan team consisting of the chief judge and two precinct judges.
				6. The chief judge shall publicly post a precinct poll tape at the close of polls

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				<p>(currently this is optional). The entire poll tape(s) shall be publicly viewable from outside of the precinct polling location for at least 24 hours (outward facing window). At the county BOE on election night, the public shall be allowed to view and document totals of any precinct poll tapes that were not posted at the close of polls at a precinct.</p> <p>7. Early voting tape totals and absentee ballot tape totals shall not be totaled and printed until the close of polls on election night.</p> <p>8. There shall be bi-partisan chain of custody of all election materials transported back to the county on election night. For counties that bring election materials to transport vans throughout the county, they must sign over materials to another bi-partisan team who will transport the materials to the BOE.</p> <p>9. The public shall be allowed to observe election materials being returned and inventoried at the BOE. Comparison of uploaded precinct totals to poll tapes shall be conducted on election night in full view of the public. This is a critical step in the vote counting/aggregation process.</p> <p>10. Absentee, provisional, overseas absentee, military ballots, and replicated absentee email ballots shall be approved/ not approved by the board in public view, at which time the approved ballot envelopes are to be opened, and ballots scanned in a continually observable process within full view of the board and public.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of these no/low cost recommendations that are in the best interest of the state. These recommendations would help protect counties, secure the chain of custody of critical election materials, and assure citizens that their votes will be counted as intended.</p> <p>Respectfully yours,</p> <p>Lynn Bernstein Cary resident and voter Founder, Transparent Elections NC</p>
05/26/2020 07:18 PM	Wendell Patterson	209 south 5th Ave, Wilmington , North Carolina 28401	True	Mail in voting, absolutely
05/26/2020 07:18 PM	Ms EmilyCox Cox	11 Streamley Ct, Durham , NC 27705	True	My parents live in an elder care facility and my kids are college students, we are all concerned about getting easy access to voting without endangering anyone with Covid-19 exposure. We also cannot afford the confusion or burden of new Identification or “witness” issues. We would request that vote by mail be made as simple as possible. And every effort to

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				keep poll workers and the elderly safe should be priority. Thank you EmilyCox
05/26/2020 07:20 PM	Ms Judy Francis	1002 Bradbury Ct, Leland, NC 28451	True	I support House Bill #1169 of Election 2020, making voting safer amid the COVID 19 Pandemic.
05/26/2020 07:20 PM	Ms Beth Ligouri	4841 Sir Duncan Way, Raleigh , NC 27612	True	Please enable all registered voters to cast their ballots in the November election by increasing early voting and mail in voting. I have been a poll worker in previous elections/and am very concerned about the average age of election judges. At 56, i am one of the youngest and know that my colleagues cannot put themselves at great risk of Covid 19. To have robust early voting, the Board of Elections will have to recruit many more YOUNGER poll workers. This is just one of the obstacles the Boards of Elections need to overcome. Money and time need to be provided NOW so they can guarantee a safe and fair election. Please fund them NOW! Thank you!
05/26/2020 07:21 PM	Dr. Sara Draper	416 Frank Circle, Thomasville, NC 27360	True	Please pass this bill. The current pandemic requires some actions that will make it easier for voters to cast their ballots without fear of infection.
05/26/2020 07:23 PM	Dr. Janie Canty-Mitchell	1303 Shenandoah Street, Wilmington, NC 28411	True	Section 3. (a), item 3 requires two witnesses for absentee ballots. This places an undue burden on seniors or disabled persons living alone or with only a spouse or caregiver, especially if they live in rural areas. We should not have to drive to someone's house to have 2 people witness our signature, or have someone come to our house to witness signatures for an absentee ballot. Why make absentee voting so difficult for seniors? Item 3 should be removed.
05/26/2020 07:26 PM	Susan Hartley	147 Spring Cove Dr, Cary, NC 27511	True	Fully support all aspects of Bill 1169! YES!!!!!!!
05/26/2020 07:26 PM	Dr. Margaret Sowerwine	2736 pleasant hill rd, Rocky Mount , NC 27801	True	As a member of the Edgecombe County Board of Elections I urge you to support this Carefully thoughtout measure. Otherwise the November Election may be total chaos.
05/26/2020 07:28 PM	MARK STAMM	4841 SIR DUNCAN WAY, Raleigh, NC 27612	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>In the midst of a pandemic, House Bill 1169 must include provisions that make voting safer and easier than ever – either by mail or in-person.</p> <p>HB 1169 must address the financial needs counties will face in providing for safe polling environments for as many voters as possible. Please reduce the requirements for vot-by-mail witnesses, and extend deadlines for voter registration, accepting more IDs (like pay stubs, bank statements, utility bills, etc.).</p> <p>In addition, allow county officials to use their judgement and make voting safe for their residents as suits their community</p>

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				needs through relaxed requirements for poll workers and gaining access to Federal matching funds.
				I sincerely hope that the committee will keep the safety of North Carolinians as they exercise their right to vote in this most challenging health crisis.
				Thank you.
05/26/2020 07:30 PM	Ms Barbara Thomas	202 Neuse Avenue, Morehead City, NC 28557	True	None of us knows what the situation will be in October and November related to Covid 19. The right to vote is our most sacred right in this country and we need to prepare now for the possibility that voters won't feel safe going to the polls this fall. I am 73 years old and live with just my husband -- I do not have two witnesses to sign an absentee ballot. Please pass bipartisan legislation that will make it easy for us to vote by mail and not have to choose between voting and our health. There is no significant fraud associated with voting by mail.
05/26/2020 07:32 PM	Mr Joseph Louis Mazzitelli	7303 Calibre Park Dr Apt 105 Apt 105, Durham, NC 27707	True	Vote by mail is a safe and easy way to increase voter participation. As a democracy, we are obligated to endeavor to have all citizens participating in our government; that means all citizens should be able to vote easily and safely.
05/26/2020 07:33 PM	Ms Janet Palmer	5326 Silabert Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28205	True	We need this bill to assure equitable access to the ballot.
05/26/2020 07:35 PM	Make this happen! Elliott Lawing	705-61 Keystone Park Dr , Morrisville , NC 27560	True	Request for Comments: Points you may want to consider in your comments: • ensure access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, --This is important!!
05/26/2020 07:35 PM	Ms. Elli Klein	527 Old Maccumber Station Road 232, Wilmington, NC 28405	True	Please truly represent the people of NC and support fair and safe elections in 2020.
05/26/2020 07:37 PM	Joseph Jordan	800 lockland ave b, winston-salem, nc 27103	True	I grew up in Oregon, and have voted by mail in many elections. Bringing this process to North Carolina for 2020 is not only critical for the health and safety of North Carolinians, it should be made permanent for the future. Voting is critical to democracy, and should be as easy as possible for all citizens. In my home state, participation is high, and the electorate is informed and engaged in a way it would not otherwise be. North Carolina would benefit enormously from a similar system.
05/26/2020 07:38 PM	Ms. Debra Broido	1849 Hunters Forest Dr, Winston Salem, NC 27103-6632	True	Please support this bill. We need it for the elections. NC makes it too hard to vote Absentee.
05/26/2020 07:38 PM	mr Dennis Burns	7521 Rainwater Rd, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	As a former medical products exec at J&J Biotech and Vicks Products over 70, I expect COVID-19 to still be a problem in the fall so I strongly support the easier VOTE at Home proposals in Bill 1169. I also believe that more county BOE funds will be needed and looser specifications

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05/26/2020 07:43 PM	Tim Pinnick	2133 E Lake Shore Drive, Wilmington, NC 28401	True	<p>for precinct workers will make voting in person safer for everyone. Please pass Bill 1169 now!</p> <p>This is an important bill and I am very glad to see this issue addressed. EVERYONE deserves the right to vote with minimal encumbrances. Recently I assisted my 101 year old aunt get through the mail-in voting process in Illinois when the undertaking became muddled due to a procedural change. It was very distressing and put needless stress on her; thankfully we got it resolved at virtually the last minute.</p> <p>Thank you for making the exercise of the franchise easier in North Carolina!</p>
05/26/2020 07:43 PM	Mrs Anne Campbell	9923 Legolas Ln, Charlotte, North Carolina 28269	True	<p>re: House Bill 1169.</p> <p>Please do everything in your power to protect our elections and our democracy. 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>
05/26/2020 07:44 PM	Ms Audra Killingsworth	983 Tender Drive, Apex, NC 27502	True	I support only having one witness for the mail-in ballot.
05/26/2020 07:46 PM	Carlee Paddock	60 Pinnacle Point, Asheville, North Carolina 28805	True	<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)</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>PLEASE! THANK YOU.</p>
05/26/2020 07:49 PM	Jim Barton	PO box 768, Asheville, NC 28802	True	We need to make it easier for people to vote, not harder.
05/26/2020 07:52 PM	Mr Kevan Woodson	8407 Larkmead Forest Dr, Charlotte, NC 28269	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 the 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> <p>I suggest that NCGA add postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE, making sure that votes are 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</p>

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05/26/2020 07:56 PM	Ms. Susan Roscher	1324 Edenhouse Ct., Leland, NC 28451	True	<p>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> <p>Please support House Bill 1169 in order for more citizens to vote in our elections during this pandemic, which will likely be with us for a long time. As a 70 year old with diabetes, I want to ensure that I will be able to vote in our elections without further risking my health. I also believe that more citizens will be able to cast their ballots more easily by mail if they are unable , during regular voting hours, to get child care, get off from work, or if theyhave other family obligations and/or disabilities. Thank you for serious consideration in this vitally important matter.</p>
05/26/2020 07:58 PM	Mr. John Balla	7353 Newport Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina 27613	True	<p>I respectfully request that legislators pass House Bill 1169 as drafted to simplify the process for submitting absentee ballots and enabling access to resources made available to accommodate the unusual circumstances of the COVID-19 outbreak. Until there is a vaccine, widely available testing and contact tracing, there are many individuals who might not and should not participate in in-person voting. In addition, the existing process is too complex and cumbersome as it is, which I've experienced through my two college-aged childrens' experiences in trying to vote from their respective universities in the 2018 midterm election. Thank you for recording my comment.</p>
05/26/2020 07:59 PM	Dr. Meggan Moorhead	2102 Sprunt Ave, Durham, NC 27705	True	<p>I am in support of HB1169 giving the greatest number of North Carolinians ease and accessibility of casting their vote! Studies are showing that this favors neither party!</p> <p>I am a senior citizen with underlying health conditions. I will be the last one to consider ending quarantine! Please help us be able to vote easily!</p>
05/26/2020 08:00 PM	Nan Friedman	25 hawfields dr, Pittsboro, Nc 27312	True	<p>Hello I'd like to ask that some things be added to this bill to further protect the voters and their votes in the 2020 election. Please extend the deadlines for mail in and online requests for ballots. Please give the power to the counties to set up voting plans so they can best set it up to prevent long lines and crowding. Please eliminate confusing language about photo ID and also accept HAVA act ID such as utility bills on absentee ballot requests. Thank you for allowing input. I hope our NC legislators will do as much as possible to make it easy and safe for people to vote. We should do all we can to help voters exercise their right to have their voice heard. without having to risk getting sick from Covid19. Thanks</p>
05/26/2020 08:00 PM	Ms. Stephanie Biziewski	312 Covewood Trail, Asheville, NC 28805	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p>

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05/26/2020 08:00 PM	Dr Herb Lamb	48 Rosewood Lane , Marshall , NC 28753	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.
				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 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. 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.
				As a North Carolina voter, I am counting on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month.
				Thank you.
05/26/2020 08:01 PM	Mr Brian Beauregard	7271 SCHOONERS CT. SW, Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469	True	Do this please as soon as possible. The people of NC are hurting!! Thank you ??
05/26/2020 08:02 PM	Neil Brown	849 Sandburg Terrace, Hendersonville, NC 28791	True	Good Day! YOU have an opportunity to either SUPPORT our democratic election process, or to further erode participation . I urge ALL members to be aware that HISTORY in these times will have a microscope on YOUR actions and votes. I request you stand with not only our Constitution, but also our Bill of Rights. DO THE RIGHT THING!
				HB1169 contains a series of common-sense reforms for voting in NC. While it does not go sufficiently far in removing legislated impediments to registering and voting, it IS several steps forward. I encourage the NCGA to approve this bill in time for the 2020 elections. Thank you.
05/26/2020 08:05 PM	Mrs Mary Stone	500 Audubon Dr., Oriental,, NC 28571	True	I believe all NC voters should be allowed to vote by mail.
05/26/2020 08:05 PM	Leslie Maxwell	146 Chateau Road, Durham, NC 27704	True	Please allow mail-in voting in 2020 (and in the future). This is essential for the safety and health of voters in NC, as well as for the NC citizens who work on election day

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05/26/2020 08:06 PM	Mr. John Coyle	1428 Ebrington Lane, Leland, Nc 28451	True	to make sure our elections run well. Workers/volunteers at polling precincts should not risk their health, either.
05/26/2020 08:07 PM			True	I believe strongly this bill should be passed. It will assure safe and fair elections, something we all want. Sincerely, John Coyle, MS Ed
05/26/2020 08:08 PM	Mrs. Jessica Laura Thompson Eustice	3523 N. Roxboro St. Apt. 8-C, Durham, NC 27701	True	I think that voting should not only be safe but it should be accessible to all. Blind people need to be able to submit an absentee ballot without getting sighted assistance to vote.
05/26/2020 08:08 PM	Heather Mckenzie	620 Penncross Dr, Raleigh , Nc 27610	True	I am strongly in favor of House Bill 1169 because it will help the citizens of North Carolina better exercise their patriotic responsibility to contribute to the future direction of our state and our country. This is especially urgent inlight of the several crises we are facing including the COVID19 pandemic, the inordinate number of black and brown people who are dying due to COVID19, the poor leadership our nation is experiencing during this pandemic, and the epidemic of White Nationalist Terrorism occurring without rebuke from our national administration.
05/26/2020 08:09 PM	Susan Knapp	38 S. Kaufman Stone Way , Candler , North Carolina 28715	True	I support this bill and thank you for your bipartisan efforts to find solutions to our current crisis. It would also be great to include other measures like: Extending voter registration deadlines, giving flexibility to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure everyone has safe in-person voting options, and providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters. Thank you!
05/26/2020 08:12 PM	Mrs. Barbara Rini	207 Newberry Street, Jamestown, NC 27282	True	This is our chance to do what's right, allowing for Americans to vote —Safely — during a pandemic
05/26/2020 08:14 PM	Robin Hamilton-Brooks	809 Barbara Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606	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), 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. Thank you for your attention to this request. We know there are too many people at risk for infection when gathered together in one place.
05/26/2020 08:17 PM	Mrs. Annette Tenny	1097 N Stokes School Rd, Danbury, NC 27016-7234	True	I support legislation that will make voting more easily accessible to registered voters in the future but especially during this COVID-19 crisis.
				Here are a few additional steps we need to take: 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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				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. Every eligible voter deserves to be able to vote safely. THIS should be non-negotiable. Safely and easily. Every Voter.
05/26/2020 08:18 PM	Dr. Joti Sekhon	20050 Fountain, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27517	True	ALL legal voters must be able to safely vote in the 2020 elections. 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.
05/26/2020 08:18 PM	Mrs Linda Levy	7058 Burlwood Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211	True	Wile HB 1169 has some very good provisions regarding absentee voting, I don't understand why the requirement that a voter show a government issued photo ID is re-introduced. This was thrown out by the courts. Re-introducing this requirement is an attempt to override the court's ruling. During this time of COVID 19 it is absolutely ridiculous to re-introduce this requirement. People don't need to take an extra step and see additional people to vote. Remove this requirement from HB 1169.
05/26/2020 08:21 PM	Mr. John Allis	2905 Glen Burnie Dr, Raleigh, NC 27607	True	I am in full support of this bill which will lower the signature requirement on an absentee ballot, make requesting a ballot easier, allow counties the flexibility to assign poll workers on a county-wide basis, and provide for sanitation of polling places. I would urge inclusion of a provision to provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes as well. All these provisions will make it safer for voters, especially older voters, to cast their ballots without risking exposure to the COVID-19 virus.
05/26/2020 08:22 PM	Dr. Louis Gadol	1404 Country Club Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27712	True	Please support HB 1169, including the proposed additions. Thanks!
05/26/2020 08:25 PM	Mrs Elizabeth Arnold	16108 Morehead, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	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 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

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05/26/2020 08:26 PM	Ms. MARILYN HARTMAN	2517 Perkins Rd, Durham, North Carolina 27705-1018	True	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 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. 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.
				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?
05/26/2020 08:26 PM	Ms. MARILYN HARTMAN	2517 Perkins Rd, Durham, North Carolina 27705-1018	True	Thank you. Beth Arnold
				I have personal concerns. Usually I vote in person, Early Voting. Will it be safe for me? Will the lines be long if there aren't enough poll workers?
				Maybe I should vote by absentee ballot, but with up to 40% of people expected to choose this option, will there be enough resources to get me a ballot on time and to process the ballot when I mail it back in? Will the USPS deliver my return for the cost of one Forever Stamp? I am thinking about being a poll worker - most poll workers are over 75 and won't want to do it in November - but will it be safe? I'm healthy, but over 65. So... this translates into my asks for this bill: (1) Allocate resources to all counties to make polling places safe and ensure there are enough safe polling places (sanitized, one pen per voter, etc.), (2) Make sure there is money for public education - mailings, TV and social media outreach, (3) Make sure that absentee ballots are accessible to everyone. (4) expand early voting schedules to accommodate social distancing and sanitation; (5) expand voter registration options to replace all the face to face registration that has occurred in the past. Let's make sure our election runs smoothly. Changes are needed - we don't know what the pandemic will look like in the fall, but it's not likely to be completely gone. Let's protect the election by protecting voters and making it possible for everyone to vot.
05/26/2020 08:29 PM	Bill 1169 Carmela Mager	109 Conner drive Chapel hill, Nc 27514	True	No voter ID should be required Extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration

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				<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>
05/26/2020 08:32 PM	Mrs. Carolyn Hines	708 Nottingham Rd, GREENSBORO, NC 27408	True	<p>I'm a lifelong NC resident who's been voting since I registered in 1967. Now I'm 74 years old and have the additional medical risk of having asthma. I hope to vote in person as I usually have, but I want to have the option to vote absentee if there's a second wave of the virus as scientists predict. And I want absentee ballot voting to be safe and effective for others as well. Please create postage-paid envelopes to make sure absentee ballots & requests get back to the BOE safely and promptly. In case the USPS is overwhelmed, I'd like dropbox sites set up as they are in other states. I also want to be sure that incarcerated voters still have access if visitation is not an option. And I think NC needs to recruit more, and younger, poll workers in case there's a shortage. I hope you'll take this opportunity to use these ways to improve voting access in North Carolina and fulfill the promise of our democracy.</p>
05/26/2020 08:33 PM	Tom Byers	467 Old Stone Gate Place, Asheville, NC 28804	True	<p>I urge the adoption of HB 1169 to address at least some of the challenges posed by the pandemic conditions that confront us in this election year.</p>
05/26/2020 08:35 PM	Mr. Joe Major	5412 Old Weaver Trl, Creedmoor, NC 27522	True	<p>this law completely erases the reforms for ballet harvesting passed a few years ago. Do Not DO THIS!</p>
05/26/2020 08:35 PM	Lynn and Mike Hancock	46 Whitehaven Dr, Pinehurst, NC 28374	True	<p>We support any and every measure to ensure safe and accessible voting in November, and encourage you to pass legislation that will make it much easier for voters to request and receive absentee ballots and to vote by mail.</p>
05/26/2020 08:35 PM	Ms Geralyn McGuire	305 CLARK ST., DURHAM, North Carolina 27701	True	<p>I believe that it is important to both improve and expand the ability to vote safely in the 2020 election. I encourage you to support this bill.</p>
05/26/2020 08:36 PM	Mes Susan Nobblitt	1000 Cheviot Ave, Durham, NC 27707	True	<p>Please pass this!</p>
05/26/2020 08:39 PM	Mrs. Barbara Akinwole	2183 Forest View Circle, Leland, NC 28451	True	<p>This bill would make voting safer and more accessible in NC amid the COVID-19 pandemic. And, requirements of this Bill should be made a permanent part of NC laws on Election procedures for all future local, state, and federal elections.</p>
05/26/2020 08:40 PM	Mr John Heafield	179 Skyview Circle, Asheville, NC 28804	True	<p>North Carolina should promote Mail-in Voting for all, especially since the coronavirus will most certainly be circulating in November. Vote By Mail has long been used by red and blue states, and is secure and readily audited. As a CPA and father of a computer science professor, I feel Vote By Mail is the most secure, easily understood and convenient</p>

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05/26/2020 08:42 PM	Hillary Dimig	115 Montrose Ct., Youngsville, NC 27596	True	way to vote. Further, as voters have the ability to research candidates at home with the ballot, they will not find themselves at a loss as to how to vote down ballot for minor offices, as is often the case in the voting booth. My sister in Seattle says no witnesses are required for WA ballots. It would be best if NC could do likewise, especially so single people would not have to risk exposure to coronavirus to get a witness.
				We all know voting is essential in a democratically lead government. We all know in our heart of hearts that as citizens we should make voting as easy and accessible as possible. Yet in the short time I've been legally able to vote (I'm a young adult), I've seen obvious attempts to misrepresent the people of North Carolina via gerrymandering, requiring specific - racially motivated - IDs to vote, making it more difficult for students to vote, and an attempt at moving judicial positions from elected to appointed. Young people see through it, and many of us vote accordingly. I support this bill and its spirit of making it easier for everyone to vote, especially when many people don't feel safe voting in person. I believe postage-paid envelopes should be added to the bill. If postage is pre-paid, many more ballots would be returned to the BOE. I also believe no one should have to pay, or leave their houses during a pandemic to buy stamps, in order to vote.
05/26/2020 08:43 PM	Ms Simone Dewey	6415 Chantry Ct, Durham , NC 27703	True	I support House Bill 1169 Elections 2020
05/26/2020 08:43 PM	MR Jeffrey Paine	1015 Watts Street, Durham, NC 27701	True	I am 67 years old and have a compromised immune system and may very well need to vote by mail this year. I want my voice to be heard but cannot risk my health by being forced to stand in long lines next to people who may very well be Infected with COVID-19.
05/26/2020 08:45 PM	Dr. Wendy Edds	2721 Sevier St, Durham, NC 27705	True	I appreciate that House Bill 1169 reduces vote-by-mail witness requirements to one and enables online submission to request for an absentee ballot, but no voter ID should be required, the mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration should be extended, counties should have the flexibility to make their own early voting schedules that best serve their comunites to insure safe in-person voting, and pre-paid envelops should be provided for mail in ballots to limit the barriers for constituents to vote.
05/26/2020 08:50 PM	Douglas Veazey	103 La Bellevue St., Morganton, NC 28655	True	As a life long resident of NC, at 69 years of age, I strongly support the idea of voting by mail. With the COVID-19 pandemic my wife and i are being very careful about public gatherings. Standing in line to vote is very concerning. Many folks are not honoring social distancing or wearing masks. The legislature has time to begin bipartisan work to ensure a safe and

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				secure and easier method for voting. None of us can predict what the virus status will be in November but experts say that a vaccine is almost a year away. We do not have 2 witnesses to sign ballot or have it notarized so please don't make the process too cumbersome. Thank you. Doug Veazey
05/26/2020 08:50 PM	Ms. Martha Davis	3400 Oxbow Court, Matthews, NC 28105	True	Vote by postage free mail in ballots should be available to any voter, particularly in a pandemic !
05/26/2020 08:51 PM	Mr Gary Wilkins	2035 Buffalo Rd , Sandy Ridge , NC 27046	True	I do not support this; and additionally I support voter ID requirements which citizens of NC voted in a majority vote to approve. Require ID to vote and secure our elections.
05/26/2020 08:51 PM	Mrs Janet Lamb	1008 Blackwood Mountain Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	We need absentee ballots as an option in the fall. A voting age member of my household has a compromised immune system. We are doing all we can to keep him safe. My parents and all others living in retirement communities may also need absentee ballots as an option in November. We need to be prepared for whatever comes our way (virus?) this November. All votes must be counted.
05/26/2020 08:51 PM	Russ Holcomb	7405 Leapale lane, Durham, North Carolina 27713	True	I am a 55 year old with bone cancer and no complete immune system after a stem cell transplant. Voting from home would be beneficial to my health.
05/26/2020 08:52 PM	Mr. and Mrs. Susan and Dan Kincaid	184 Benhurst Court, Hendersonville, NC 28791	True	My husband and I are in our 70's as well as most of our friends. We are all frightened to risk our lives to vote in person. North Carolina must do everything possible to expand safe voter registration. EXTEND THE 25-day LIMIT AND ALLOW ONLINE REGISTRATION. Broaden more access points for mail-in voting requests to 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). Give back to counties the flexibility to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities and expand safe in-person voting. There must be contactless ballot drop boxes. Timelines for early voting and in-person voting must be as long as possible and you must retain the requirement for only ONE WITNESS, NOT TWO. EVERY ELIGIBLE CITIZEN SHOULD GET AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL, FAX, EMAIL OR ONLINE. WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THE VOTER ID REQUIREMENT. THAT IS VOTER SUPPRESSION!!!
05/26/2020 08:54 PM	Kathleen Jewell	5 Fayetteville St E, Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480-1886	True	I am writing in favor of NC House Bill 1169 in order to allow for greater facility in using the absentee ballot for voting. This would make voting safer for at risk voters and make it easier for individuals in congregate living arrangements (such as senior housing/assisted living) to participate.
05/26/2020 08:57 PM	Stacy Hovey	305 Montclair Way, Chapel Hill, Nc 27516	True	Please consider bill to ensure safer and

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				more accessible voting due to Covid
05/26/2020 08:57 PM	Mrs. Sadie Graham	2788 Trident Ct. SE, Southport, NC 28461	True	I am supportive and very much interested in having this bill passed.....I am 71 years old, a senior citizen, who needs to be able to vote in an environment that does not put my health at risk. This bill would make voting safer and more accessible in NC amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
05/26/2020 09:01 PM	Dr Andrew D. Scrimgeour	610 Gravel Brook Court, Cary, NC 27519	True	I support the efforts to make mail balloting easier. It is all the more important given the ongoing threat of the pandemic and the threats of being in public places and where lots of people have touched the same items as you, as in a voting booth. Thank you.
05/26/2020 09:01 PM	Professor Kevin McIlvoy	309 Old Farm School Rd., Asheville, NC 28805	True	I ask the committee to pass House Bill 1169. Let's keep voting -- the single most essential action of participants in a true democracy -- sacred. AND simple.
05/26/2020 09:01 PM	Catherine Redick	2910 welcome dr, Durham, NC 27705	True	Voting is our constitutional right and should be without barriers or risks. ID cards which may be impossible to obtain during the pandemic should not be required. Voting should be manageable without risk to health. There should be no regulations that unfairly inhibit the ability of any citizen to vote regardless of financial wealth, health, or proximity to voting station. This should be a convenient activity to encourage all citizens to participate in our democracy.
05/26/2020 09:04 PM	Mr. Vivian Moore	4442 Rivershore Dr., New Bern, NC 28560	True	<p>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.</p> <p>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>The bill needs to give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that ensure safe in-person voting.</p> <p>The bill should allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.</p> <p>The bill should provide prepaid postage for mail-in ballots</p>
05/26/2020 09:04 PM	Dr. James Graham	2788 Trident Court SE, Southport, N. C. 28461	True	Very much interested and supportive of House bill 1169 being passed. I am a 71 year senior citizen who needs a safe environment in which to vote.....one that will not put our health at risk.
05/26/2020 09:07 PM	Janet Ranjitsingh	120 Haywood Dr, Advance, Nc 27006	True	Let's protect our poll workers by allowing expanded mail-in and early voting. It's not

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05/26/2020 09:07 PM	Mr Eric Everett	38 Whites Lake Blvd, Saluda, NC 28773	True	<p>every election we're in a pandemic, for goodness sakes!!</p> <p>Please support democracy. It was what America was founded upon. The right to vote, where everyone is counted equally and has equal access to voting, should be a fundamental right in this country. We are all well aware that there is almost no voter fraud, except for the notorious case for the GOP candidate which NC is now known for. Please help erase that stain by making it easier, not harder, especially in this difficult time with COVID. We don't want another Wisconsin scenario had to risk their health to vote. Voting by mail, as easily as possible, is the answer to avoid that. In addition, please extend voter registration deadlines since it has been so difficult to get people registered during the stay-at-home guidelines. Let the counties have flexibility to create safe options so long as it doesn't limit access to voting in any way. Secure, absentee ballot boxes will also help. Thank you!</p>
05/26/2020 09:07 PM			True	<p>1169 is bad on so many levels - but the most important reason to reject this bill is that it violates state law that forbids changing election law in the middle of an election cycle.</p>
05/26/2020 09:07 PM	Ms Armenta Eaton	1844 Mays Crossroads Rd., Louisburg, NC 27549	True	<p>I am an elderly citizen who has multiple health issues. I live alone and seldom get out of the house. Later this year I am schedule to have extensive surgery which will incapacitate me further. The surgeon continually postponed the surgery in the past due to the COVID-19 virus. I wish to vote by mail and if allowed promises not to commit fraud.</p>
05/26/2020 09:09 PM	Ms. Susan Lupton	2109 W CLUB BLVD, Durham, NC 27705	True	<p>Nothing is more important in a democracy that open access to the ballot. I am 70 years old and live with my husband and 97 year old father-in law. We all need to be able to vote safely in November, even if there is a resurgence of the coronavirus at that time.</p> <p>I support HB 1169 because it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lowers the signature requirement 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 to address potential poll worker shortages - Provides resources so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected and voters can cast a ballot safely <p>To provide full access to voting, HB 1169 should be strengthened to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extending voter registration deadlines

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05/26/2020 09:11 PM	Mrs. Hope Shand	915 Virgie St, Durham, NC 27705	True	<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. I want to be sure my ballot is received and counted.</p> <p>Please. I urge you to support voting by mail for ALL citizens of North Carolina. I do not want to choose between my health and my ability to vote safely in 2020. Voting by mail is a very good option for all North Carolinians. Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Hope Shand</p>
05/26/2020 09:12 PM	Mrs. Roseanne Rosvally	164 Amy's Place, Boone, NC 28607	True	<p>Please do all that you can to make voting safe and accessible during the Covid-19 pandemic. I was appalled when I saw what happened in Wisconsin (I have family there!), and don't want to see that happen here in North Carolina. No one should have to put their health in jeopardy to participate in our democracy.</p>
05/26/2020 09:13 PM	Rev Sally Johnston	392 stonemarket rd, Mooresville, NC 28117	True	<p>I am writing in support of NC legislators addressing the opportunities to expand and enhance voting by mail in 2020. There is no evidence that voting by mail creates greater risk in our elections. In fact, just the opposite. It would expand the franchise and ensure more participation in our democracy. Senior citizens like myself are wary about the effects of the COVID19 epidemic on our ability to vote safely. I have friends who have been loyal poll workers over the years who are concerned about their own ability to volunteer this fall, especially if there is a second wave of virus. Please, let's make NC a shining example of citizens for a responsive and responsible democracy!</p>
05/26/2020 09:13 PM	Mrs Thelma Mustafah	109 Hurston Way , Greensboro , NC 27405	True	<p>Please pass bill 1169.</p>
05/26/2020 09:13 PM	Lauren Parikh	306 E Millbrook Rd, Raleigh, NC 27609	True	<p>I am the mother of two small children and cannot afford to get sick and not be able to care for them. I need a safe way to vote where I will not expose myself and my family.</p>
05/26/2020 09:13 PM	Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple	1104 Watts St, Durham, NC 27701	True	<p>House Bill 1169 is a thoughtful,fair minded way to ensure fair and accessible elections in November. Please support House Bill 1169.</p>
05/26/2020 09:15 PM	Ms. Janis Ramquist	2208 Oxford Hills Dr, Raleigh, NC 27608	True	<p>Public shall be notified of the date/time of all pre-election acceptance and logic & accuracy testing of voting equipment. Public shall be allowed to observe testing and receive copies of test plans, test reports and log files of all pre-election testing.</p> <p>All boxes of ballots and precinct scanner (usb) removable media picked up by the chief judge prior to the election shall have serial numbered tamper evident seals affixed to them. Serial numbered tamper evident seals shall be verified and</p>

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				<p>recorded by a bi-partisan precinct team at pre-election pick-up of election materials, again at the precinct on the morning of the election prior to polls opening, and again as part of poll closing procedures.</p> <p>Precinct chief judges shall boot up precinct scanners and print zero tapes no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the start of the polls opening. Boot up and zero tape printing procedures shall be conducted in the presence of a bi-partisan team of precinct judges.</p> <p>The chief judge and a bi-partisan team of precinct judges shall verify the placement of tamper evident seals and document the serial number of the precinct scanner's removable media cartridge(s) (usb) prior to boot up of the precinct scanner(s) and again prior to printing the totals tape at the close of polls.</p> <p>When ballots are removed from the precinct scanner bin, they shall be immediately placed in a container and a serial numbered tamper evident seal shall be signed, affixed to the container; the serial number logged into chain-of-custody records by a bi-partisan team consisting of the chief judge and two precinct judges.</p> <p>The chief judge shall publicly post a precinct poll tape at the close of polls (currently this is optional). The entire poll tape(s) shall be publicly viewable from outside of the precinct polling location for at least 24 hours (outward facing window). At the county BOE on election night, the public shall be allowed to view and document totals of any precinct poll tapes that were not posted at the close of polls at a precinct.</p> <p>Early voting tape totals and absentee ballot tape totals shall not be totaled and printed until the close of polls on election night.</p> <p>There shall be bi-partisan chain of custody of all election materials transported back to the county on election night. For counties that bring election materials to transport vans throughout the county, they must sign over materials to another bi-partisan team who will transport the materials to the BOE.</p> <p>The public shall be allowed to observe election materials being returned and inventoried at the BOE. Comparison of uploaded precinct totals to poll tapes shall be conducted on election night in full view of the public. This is a critical step in the vote counting/aggregation process.</p> <p>Absentee, provisional, overseas absentee,</p>

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				military ballots, and replicated absentee email ballots shall be approved/not approved by the board in public view, at which time the approved ballot envelopes are to be opened, and ballots scanned in a continually observable process within full view of the board and public.
05/26/2020 09:16 PM	Dr. Zvonimir Ordanic	10740 Dunhill Terrace, Raleigh, North Carolina 27615	True	I would urge you to reject the HB 1169 because it will make cheating and ballot harvesting much easier than it was before, such as requesting absentee ballots by fax and requiring only a single witness signature. If we are going to change election laws should we be thinking more about how to prevent cheating and fraud?
05/26/2020 09:19 PM	Diane Willis	411 Landerwood Ln., Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	I hope you will pass this important bill, HB 1169. Fair and open elections are essential to our democracy, and making it possible for every eligible voter to cast a ballot is absolutely necessary. During this pandemic time, voters should not have to risk their lives in order to vote by standing in crowded lines and spaces, or being present in areas where lots of people have been before, touching everything and breathing out potential germs. Therefore, this bill makes it possible for people to more easily vote absentee without two witnesses and to request a ballot by additional means in line with our present day technology, offers flexibility to counties in assigning poll workers as fits their needs, and provides resources for proper sanitization and poll worker protection which in turn protects our voters. Though this bill does not do the following things, these items would make the bill much better: provide secure drop boxes for completed absentee ballots, allow extended time for voter registration, and give counties additional flexibility in creating early voting plans. We need to ensure that voters will feel safe in their civic duty to vote!
05/26/2020 09:20 PM	Andrew Adams	152 Barber Loop, Mooresvi, NC 28117	True	I strongly support voting by mail in the upcoming election. We can't predict where the virus will be at that timeframe and the only option will be voting by mail. This will also be helpful for seniors.
05/26/2020 09:21 PM	Ms. Pamela Stevens	5812 Dogwood Dr., Raleigh, NC 27616	True	This law would change the current law and secure making ballot harvesting a racquet. How can you rely on fax machines for detail of a photo quality. Strangers in your own precinct, how do you trust them, can they be from another country and not a citizen or a registered voter? Trust is the bottom line. You can not trust this process to strangers, fax machines or emails, or trust that the person you sent to deliver your ballot to deliver it!!!! VOTE NO, PLEASE!!!!
05/26/2020 09:21 PM	Rev. Mary Susan Dobyns	1057 Van Hoy Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC 27104	True	I am in favor of voting by mail to assist in protecting NC voters from vivid-19.
05/26/2020 09:22 PM	Mrs. Jean Domanico	1523 Sedwick Rd, Durham, North Carolina 27713	True	Voting by mail is a safe way for all voters' voices to be heard during this pandemic

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				and should be made readily available. Voters must feel confident that their vote will be counted and not rejected because they failed to follow instructions. All instructions on applications and ballots must be straightforward and easy to understand. To avoid possible problems with the USPS, secure drop boxes should be used. This would help reassure voters that their ballots will make it to the BOE. For voters who wish to vote in person, more early voting locations should be opened and adequately staffed to avoid crowds and long lines.
05/26/2020 09:25 PM	Robert Cole	3918 Wynford Dr, Durham, NC 27707	True	Please ensure access to voter registration by extending mail in and online deadlines, access points for mail in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (IE utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, etc), and expand safe in person voting so as to avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities! We need to make it easier to vote, epsecially in these difficult times of a pandemic!
05/26/2020 09:28 PM	Mrs Lisa Esposito	2508 Tonbo Trail , Wilmington , NC 28409	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. 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</p>

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05/26/2020 09:29 PM	ms Patricia Brown	209 landsbury drive, Durham, NC 27707	True	expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters.
				This matters to me because I wish to protect my family members who are high risk by being able to safely vote this election year.
				Thank you.
05/26/2020 09:29 PM	ms Patricia Brown	209 landsbury drive, Durham, NC 27707	True	please support and pass laws allowing vote by mail with minimal requirements
05/26/2020 09:31 PM	Ms. Susan Skoda	7727 Monarch Dr, Wilmington, NC 28411-8710	True	I strongly support this bill.
05/26/2020 09:32 PM	Ms. Leila Daly	2745 Dogwood Rd, Durham, NC 27705	True	Please do everything possible to help EVERYONE vote in NC who wants to. I'm a single retired woman who lives alone who plans to vote by mail. This bill makes it easier to request an absentee ballot and reduces requirement of witnesses' signatures, However, I would like the option of secure absentee ballot drop boxes. I also think extending voter registration maximally is needed in this time of pandemic. Thank you.
05/26/2020 09:35 PM	Dr. David Sokal	5601 Pelham Rd, Durham, NC 27713	True	Hi Folks, Passage of this bill is crucial to allow people to vote safely in the coming election. It's important to make voting by absentee ballot easier so that people will have no problem with the process. This will reduce the danger of Covid-19 transmission on election day. As a retired epidemiologist with experience in infectious disease prevention, I'm very concerned that we will likely be in the midst of a second wave of Covid-19 infections on election day. I am concerned because of the recent behavior of many people over the Memorial Day holiday - when many went to crowded parties, places & events without wearing masks and without maintaining social distancing. It seems highly likely that North Carolina will experience a second wave of infection, probably involving more cases in rural areas and small towns, and that the number of deaths in North Carolina will be approaching 5 to 10 thousand by election day. I hope I am wrong. Sincerely yours, David C. Sokal, MD , Medical Epidemiologist (retired)
05/26/2020 09:38 PM	Jennifer Stansell	5107 Old Woods Rd, Hillsborough, NC 27278	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 home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.

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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. 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, Jennifer Stansell</p>
05/26/2020 09:38 PM	Mr. Philip Huffsmith	309 Cox Lake Rd, Stanley, NC 28164	True	<p>In additions to the provisions in the proposed bill, I'd request the following be included:</p> <p>1) Extending voter registration deadlines</p> <p>2) Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options</p> <p>3) Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters</p> <p>Thank you for including these items.</p>
05/26/2020 09:40 PM	Ms Susan Andreatta	315 W. Parris Ave., High Point, North Carolina 27262	True	I am 78 years old and I need a way to vote safely from home.
05/26/2020 09:42 PM	Eileen Sullivan	771 Austin Ln, Winston Salem, NC 27106	True	We need to protect the right of all citizens to vote in a safe, fair and protected environment.
05/26/2020 09:46 PM	Anu Shah	171 High School Road , Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514	True	<p>I urge each of you to add these amendments to HB 1169:</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>
05/26/2020 09:47 PM	Scott Shepherd	3204 Ringtail Drive, Waxhaw, NC 28173	True	I think it's important that you make the process for requesting and submitting

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				mail-in ballots simpler. There are too many people who need this option in order to vote. Please don't listen to wrong-headed concerns about voter fraud and let's get this done.
05/26/2020 09:47 PM	Ms. Constance Teras	7731 Marymount Dr, Wilmington, NC 28411	True	In order to remain a democracy, voting has to be made safer and more accessible. There is no reason to believe it will be safer to go to the polls in November than it would be to go today, which clearly is dangerous. Preserve the right to vote.
05/26/2020 09:47 PM	Ms Elizabeth Coulter	3024 Beech ct Indian Trail, Indian Trail, NC 28079	True	Members of the House. I sincerely hope that you will make every effort to make voting in the 2020 election as safe as possible. I believe that democracy works best when more of us participate. Therefore I expect that this body will expand curbside voting opportunities, extend early voting periods to reduce crowds on election day in very crowded precincts AND make it very easy for anyone to vote no-excuse absentee ballot if they choose. Our elections depend on the hard work of our poll volunteers. Frequently, these folks are our retired friends and neighbors who may likely NOT feel safe to work with large numbers of the public. Let's think through how we can minimize crowds and enhance safety for everyone on election day.
05/26/2020 09:50 PM	Mary Lacombe	5601 Pelham Rd, Durham, NC 27713	True	Thank you for your attention to safe voting in NC. Dear Representatives, Please pass this bill to make voting easier and save lives. This bill will make absentee balloting easier, which means that fewer people will be voting in person, which means less crowded polling places and less chance of catching Covid-19 for people who vote on election day. Before retiring, I was a teacher, and I taught my students how important voting is in a democracy. I want to make sure everyone can vote safely.
05/26/2020 09:50 PM	Ms. Gisele Crawford	2503 Vineyard St, DURHAM, NC - North Carolina 27707-1943	True	Sincerely yours, Mary Lacombe Please delete the voter ID card requirement. Let counties expand early voting. Provide matching funds for federal CARES Act elections support. Address the likely poll staff shortages.
05/26/2020 09:50 PM	Ms Karen Stewart	3239 Seven Springs Rd, Hillsborough, NC 27278	True	I am 70 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 09:52 PM	House Bill 1169 Annie Nelson	2196 Villamar Dr, Leland, NC 28451	True	Please pass this bill to ensure voters rights and protection.
05/26/2020 09:52 PM	Mrs. Lisa Lewis	3518 Racine Street, Durham, NC 27707-3608	True	Current voter ID requirements are reasonable and satisfactory -- the added requirement for a photo ID is an

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				<p>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/</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 09:52 PM	Jenny Lynch	1002 Parliament Place, Apex, NC 27502	True	<p>I applaud the legislature for your work on this bill. It makes great strides toward fixing the problems that COVID-19 has left us. I do however have concerns about some features of the bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* These are steps that make sense beyond the 2020 time frame. Whether or not we still have pandemic conditions, taking steps to support expanded use of absentee voting will ensure that more registered voters can actually cast their ballots and have them counted. Don't let the rules expire when the federal funding drops.* Expand the time period when ballots are valid. Allow all ballots that are mailed by election day or those that arrive within 5 days of the election. Extend the canvass date to 15 days after election day if necessary. We don't need to let artificial mailing obstacles get in the way of counting qualified votes.* Require county boards to set up cleaning protocols and budget for cleaning services. We need to keep our voting sites willing to allow us in. Asking exhausted precinct officials to do a deep clean at the end of their long day is too much to ask, especially if the average age of these workers remains north of 65.* Approve the State Board's planned budget for supplies (such as single-use pens) and for additional ballot printing.* Set up secure drop boxes in multiple locations in each county for the return of absentee ballots.* Let county boards be flexible in scheduling early voting. Even in a normal year, the requirement for all county locations to follow the same schedule and be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm keeps

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				<p>some counties from setting up the number of early voting sites they legitimately need. This year, with the economic downturn of the virus, it will be nearly impossible for some counties to have more than one early voting site if they have to keep them all on the same schedule. Spreading out the time and place for the vote is crucial to stopping the spread of coronavirus, and many people will choose not to vote under crowded conditions. Surely you don't want to suppress voting in this manner. Do you?</p> <p>* Kudos for easing the in-precinct requirements for election officials. In addition, we need to fund ways to get more younger people to work the elections. We really need not to rely on the older people who are a pandemic's main victims.</p> <p>We expect free and fair elections in the US, with no suppression of any qualified voters. I thank you for the chance to submit these comments that aim to support such elections.</p>
05/26/2020 09:54 PM	Dr. Stephanie Schuttler	Raleigh, NC 27612	True	I am extremely concerned about access for the 2020 election. 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 would love to see options for mail in voting.
05/26/2020 09:55 PM	Heather Griswold	3601 Manford Dr, Durham, NC 27707	True	PASS THE BILL TO HAVE VOTING BY MAIL. THE MILITARY DOES IT. EXPATS DO IT. I DO NOT WISH TO BE IN CROWDS OF PEOPLE FOR A VERY LONG TIME. PASS IT. IT WORKS.
05/26/2020 09:59 PM	Mrs. Alice (I go by my middle name Wynne) Coleman	5548 Hamstead Crossing, Raleigh, NC 27612	True	<p>How many liberties and protections is North Carolina going give away in the name of the coronavirus pandemic?</p> <p>It seems that ethics quickly evaporate when laws are proposed to deal with an "emergency."</p> <p>HB1169 changes the laws in the middle of the game and completely wipes out the law passed a year ago that would protect NC from ballot harvesting.</p> <p>Also, the ideal of liberty is best protected when precinct assistants reside in their own precincts.</p> <p>These are just two of the many problems with this bill.</p> <p>VOTE NO to HB 1169!</p>
05/26/2020 10:03 PM	Ms. Naomi Skarzinski	8015 Stoneham Court, Matthews, NC 28105	True	We must allow all NC residents the ability to vote by mail during this pandemic. This is necessary for the health and safety of all citizens. No citizen should have to risk health or death to vote. Mail-in ballots are far more secure.
05/26/2020 10:04 PM	Rocco Piserchia	4805 Walden Ct B, Raleigh, NC 27604	True	This bill should not become law. It will undermine the integrity of the votes cast.
05/26/2020 10:09 PM	Dr. Michael Accinno	605 W Chapel Hill St Apt 425, Durham, NC 27701	True	I live alone, and would have trouble finding even one person to sign my ballot as a

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				witness while also observing proper social distancing requirements. Please consider doing away with the witness requirement, as it is an unfair burden on voters at this time and the risk of voter fraud is in fact quite low.
05/26/2020 10:13 PM	Mrs Christine Mckirachan	4115 Chandler Drive , Wilmington , NC 28405	True	I encourage a yes vote on this bill to make voting by mail possible for voters to remain safe during this pandemic.
05/26/2020 10:14 PM	Ms, Ann Hester	5926 Kirkpatrick Road, Charlotte, NC 28211	True	<p>I have several comments:</p> <p>(1) It is critical to reduce the number of witnesses required for absentee ballots from 2 to 1, as this bill provides. Many elderly or otherwise vulnerable citizens live in a household of only 1 or 2 people and would not be able to vote if they were required to obtain more than 1 witness. My parents, for instance, are a household of two and are in their 80's. For their safety, they need to socially distance from other people. They should be able to witness each other's ballots.</p> <p>(2) To avoid voter confusion the statute should provide for the return envelope for 2020 to include the name of one witness, not two.</p> <p>(3) in 2020, the return envelope for absentee ballots should be postage-paid. Vulnerable voters should not have to go to the post office to purchase postage in order to vote.</p> <p>(4) making an elections official criminally liable for sending an absentee ballot to someone who didn't request one is unnecessary and is overkill. Their job is going to be hard enough without making them potentially answerable in criminal court for mistakes made in what is sure to be one of the most challenging election seasons in history for elections officials.</p>
05/26/2020 10:14 PM	Mr. John Wiles	5205 Langford Ter, Durham, North Carolina 27713-6542	True	<p>A few things that HB1169 would accomplish to improve our fall elections.</p> <p>It: Lowers the signature requirement 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</p>
05/26/2020 10:14 PM	Self Linda Belans	2318 West Club Boulevard, Durham, NC 27705	True	"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only

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				<p>way they could do this is by not voting.” - Franklin D. Roosevelt. “Here, in this very first paragraph of the Declaration, is the assertion of the natural right of all to the ballot; for how can ‘the consent of the governed’ be given if the right to vote be denied?” - Susan B. Anthony. "I have said this before, and I will say it again. The vote is precious. It is almost sacred. It is the most powerful non-violent tool we have in a democracy." Congressman John Lewis. The right to vote -- free and easy access to voting -- is what makes America, America. I support HB 1184 to demand fair and safe elections in November in light of COVID-19. As a registered NC voter I should be able to receive an absentee ballot request form if I choose to vote by mail. If I choose to vote in person, I shouldn't need an ID so I can move through the process swiftly and be less exposed to COVID-19. There should also be the option for drive-through voting and ballot drop boxes. NC elected officials took an oath to support the Constitution of the United States which means protecting us and keeping us safe in a free Democracy. Other states are taking action to make it safe, quick, and easy to vote. It's time for NC to do the same. It's the American thing to do. The patriotic thing to do. Vote for HR 1184.</p>
05/26/2020 10:16 PM	Reverend Charles D. Mckirachan	4115 Chandler Drive , Wilmington , NC 28405	True	I encourage a yes vote on this bill regarding voting by mail. Democracy is vital even during a pandemic.
05/26/2020 10:17 PM	Ellen McBride	9508 Meadowmont Lane, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	Please please please vote NO on this bill!!!!
05/26/2020 10:19 PM	Ms Jane Watson	1900 McDonald Ln Lane, Raleigh, NC 27608	True	Y'all are well aware of the constitutionally valid reasons to make voting easier -- as proposed by Common Cause NC. There are no constitutionally valid reasons to maintain the status quo which seeks, in one way or the other, to suppress the exercise and keep certain vulnerable populations from participating in the one act that is the fundamental marker of democracy.
05/26/2020 10:21 PM	Dr. Jennifer Harris	Durham, NC	True	The provisions in this Bill will ensure the elderly and other high risk populations will be granted their right to vote and have a voice to safely participate in all upcoming elections. It is essential to ensure a level playing field democratic process.
05/26/2020 10:21 PM	Ms Ayla Ficken	168 Skyview Circle, Asheville, NC 28804	True	I support approval of House Bill 1169 so we can vote safely in such uncertain times. I am 65 years old and I want to vote. I believe the state need to make sure that I can vote without endangering my health. Thank you.
05/26/2020 10:22 PM	Elizabeth MacDonald	8530 Reisling Ave, Wilmington, NC 28411	True	I am glad to see the NCGA take a lot of action to help make voting safer given the COVID-19 pandemic. I would like to see a section of the bill designate funding for pre-paid postage on absentee ballots, making it more convenient for voters to

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				mail their ballots since it might be more challenging to obtain postage at this time. It would also be very helpful to have an online portal where I can check on the status of my absentee ballot request, in addition to being able to call my local Board of Elections to check on the status of my request. Also, I think it is important to give county BOEs as much flexibility as possible when designing Early Voting schedules since the scheduling needs of voters likely differ across NC.
05/26/2020 10:25 PM	Ms Carol McFadyen	21 Old Oak Ct, Durham , NC 27705	True	<p>Please help us stay well and make sure we can vote without jeopardizing our health.</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>
05/26/2020 10:25 PM	1966 Elizabeth Mueller	724 Tinkerbell Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-3015	True	Please make voting easier in this time of crisis by making absentee and early voting the easiest for voters.
05/26/2020 10:26 PM	Bruce Frank	168 Skyview Circle, Asheville , NC 28804	True	Please vote yes on this bill. Allowing all Americans to vote more easily should be a goal in this state and in all others - to preserve and strengthen our democracy.
05/26/2020 10:26 PM	Ruth Darrow	451 High Meadows Dr, Concord, NC 28025	True	If we want to preserve democracy then we must do everything necessary to make sure those who want to vote can do so.
05/26/2020 10:33 PM	Susan Cohen	2028 PERSHING ST, DURHAM, NC 277053220	True	<p>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. Citizens should be able to request absentee ballots by email, mail, or telephone. The requests need to be trackable & as easy as possible.</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</p>

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				delivered. I also think it is imperative that the ballots are already postage paid when the voters receive them. It is too much to ask people to go out and get stamps. Voting should be as easy as possible, with no barriers, if we want to continue to call ourselves a democracy.
05/26/2020 10:37 PM	Mr David Walsh	1168 Hollyheath lane, Charlotte, NC 28209	True	Please do more to ensure safe elections: 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.
05/26/2020 10:37 PM	Mrs Nancy Moxley	4121 Picardy Dr , Raleigh , NC 27612	True	We have fought for many years against requiring voters to show an ID when voting. I am concerned that the legislature is using the COVID-19 crisis to bring back voter I'd. House Bill 1169 should be about improving access to voting for all voters. Voter I D does the opposite in its present form. Voter I D needs to be removed from the bill.
05/26/2020 10:37 PM	Teresa Grunwald	6821 Candlewood Dr, Raleigh, NC 27612	True	<p>I am very concerned about the challenges our current pandemic presents for the November election.</p> <p>1) Because the average age of poll workers is 70 yo, we need to take immediate measures to insure that there will be enough people available to staff our polling locations. Regulatory restrictions must be eased. The requirement that poll workers need to live in their precincts allows for no flexibility. Some precincts include many residents at high risk for COVID-19. How will they be staffed in November?</p> <p>2) Experts estimate a 10 fold increase in voters opting to vote by mail. Our Boards of Election have no capacity to handle that increased volume of absentee ballots cast. They need additional resources to manage the load and they need it right now so there is time to gear up for November.</p> <p>I am especially concerned that local BOEs will not have the flexibility to determine the hours they feel best accommodates the needs of their communities. HB 1169 needs to be amended to fix this.</p> <p>Addressing Voter ID which has been currently blocked by the courts will only cause confusion for NC Voters - already challenged by changes due to COVID.</p>
05/26/2020 10:39 PM	Juliana Deitch	1009 Golf St A, Durham , NC 27705	True	With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to

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05/26/2020 10:44 PM	Dr. Gloria Lobnitz	87 Rockwood Rd, Waynesville, NC 28786	True	Fair and easy access to voting is every American's right and should not be hindered by political bias or fear.
05/26/2020 10:48 PM	Linda Hiouseman	2004 FIRESIDE DR, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	I support the improvements set out in House Bill 1169, especially things that would facilitate the acquisition of an absentee ballot and using that ballot to vote. This is essential particularly during this time of the coronavirus pandemic when voters should not have to risk their health and/or life to exercise their right to vote. I would also like to see some secure repositories set up in which absentee ballots could be placed, ensuring safe and honest election results. Funds should also be appropriated for sanitation of polling places and protection of poll workers and those voters who choose to vote in person. Thank you.
05/26/2020 10:51 PM	Mrs. Jennifer Chaffman	9014 Oxfordshire Ct, Huntersville, NC 28078	True	Late on the night of January 1 this year, my husband suffered a heart attack and sudden cardiac arrest. Two days later, he underwent open heart surgery. As I have watched him recover from this terrifying incident and entered into lock down due to the Corona virus, Covid-19, we understand that he is in the category of vulnerable citizens. Because of this, we have made a decision to protect him to the best of our abilities, observing distancing protocols, etc. I have strong concerns that, as the

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05/26/2020 10:51 PM	Ms Sharon Sapp	53A Fortune St, Black Mountain , NC 28711	True	This bill must pass to help make NC elections SAFE and FAIR
05/26/2020 10:56 PM	Mr Turan Duda	4210 Tyndrum Drive, Durham , NC 27705	True	I am 66 years old and married to a cancer survivor with an immune deficiency. I want to be very cautious about exposing her to the deadly Covid Virus. I would like to have a mail in ballot available to me before the election in November and to know there is a ballot box in our community where a vote can be submitted and counted. I believe this is an option everyone should have available with the high likelihood that the fall flu season could bring another round of the Covid virus.
05/26/2020 10:57 PM	Select One Deborah Baldwin	100D Weatherstone Dr, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	Please allow people to safely and securely exercise their constitutional rights to vote by allowing mail-in ballots. Planning early can help ensure the complete functionality and security of the process. Thank you.
05/26/2020 10:59 PM	Ms Michelle Mitchell	17227 Chardonnay Ct, Cornelius, NC 28031	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 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: 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

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05/26/2020 10:59 PM	Dr. Anne York	305 Lumina Ave. S, Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480	True	avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. 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.
				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?
				Thank you.
05/26/2020 10:59 PM	Mrs Madeleine Maxwell	99 Skyview Dr, Asheville, NC 28804	True	Because we can't predict what health conditions will be like this November, I urge you to protect North Carolina voters by mailing all of us absentee ballots just in case we need them to vote safely. Ideally, these would not require postage to be mailed back and would come in time for our BOE's to count votes in a timely manner and monitor ballot returns, so we do not have a repeat of the fraud undertaken in the 2018 and prior elections.
05/26/2020 10:59 PM	Anna Richards	205 Copper Beech Court, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	HB1169 I support this.
05/26/2020 11:00 PM	Mr. Matthew Arnold	55230 Broughton, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27517-8563	True	I am concerned that this bill adds Voter ID Requirements No voter ID should be required. Instead we should extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration so that people have more time . We are a big State with lots of counties that are very different, so flexibility should be given back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting. During the pandemic, the option of contactless drop boxes is essential as well as pre-paid postage for mail in ballots. The goal should be to make voting accessible with the lowest possible risk to the health of the voter
				Please do not undo the strong features in the current law designed to protect against ballot harvesting that will certainly lead to fraud.
05/26/2020 11:02 PM	Ms. Susan Pochapsky	901 VICKERS AVE, Durham, NC 27701	True	In-person voting can be very safe to everyone including democracy.
				The "improvements" and funding in this bill aren't enough, and though we'll have to swallow them, I'll have to gag to do it.
				My BFF in Pittsburgh recently sent in her vote-by-mail for the Pennsylvania primary on June 2. As an asthmatic in her late 60's, who lives alone and is quite cautious about distancing and staying home, she was deeply relieved to automatically receive a ballot to vote by mail. It was first time she'd ever voted by mail. It was a breeze. There were no fine-print

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				<p>instructions. No witness or notary was required, because there's a unique computer code on the ballot.</p> <p>That's what we should have in this state, this year: automatic mailing of the request for absentee ballot to every registered voter; no witness or notary required (because the computer will match the ballot with the voter rolls; no small print.</p> <p>When I look at my own community and county, I see that it it will be impossible to reach and teach poor folks, older folks, and folks living in densely-populated precincts (to name a few categories of people who will have trouble voting this year) how to first apply for and then follow the fine-print instructions required to vote by mail. The two-step process is burdensome, on top of being confusing due to ever-changing rules. Look at the confusion just over the ID issue--and that, among people who are trying to keep up.</p> <p>But these other folks? Well, some of them will give up on voting.</p> <p>Some of them will vote in person because that's the only thing they can understand how to do--and that, in turn, will potentially endanger them as well as everybody else working and voting in in-person precincts.</p> <p>I see only two reasons for making it this complicated to vote, despite it being a time of unique emergency affecting every soul in the state--(a) the intent to discourage as many of the poor, of the folks in densely populated neighborhoods, and of the urban elderly from voting as possible; and (b) a brutal disregard for human lives and public safety.</p>
05/26/2020 11:04 PM	Emily Tsai		True	<p>Election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide some additional solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections, to ensure that our citizens retain their fundamental right to vote without fear of getting sick.</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 even more to protect N.C. voters. This includes things like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines,- removal of any photo ID requirements for voting, especially given the current injunction issued by the federal court- allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other

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				<p>government-issued ID),</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities which should result in people being able to avoid long lines and therefore expand safe in-person voting - 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 <p>Let's have North Carolina show that we're invested in keeping our state's voters safe during the 2020 elections</p>
05/26/2020 11:07 PM	Dorothy Scrimgeour ppl q a	610 Gravel brook court, Cary, NC 27519	True	I support this bill because it enhances the ability of Americans to exercise their right to Vote ,
05/26/2020 11:09 PM	Mrs Nancy Wall	1030 Riverview Rd, Lexington , NC 27202	True	<p>We must have fair and safe elections . HB1169 would help make sure this goal is met. It would be helpful to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes -extend voter registration deadline <p>During this very trying time we need to insure fair and safe Elections , the foundation of our democracy!</p>
05/26/2020 11:10 PM	Mrs Virginia Tally	2200 Atkins Dr., Raleigh, North Carolina 27610	True	I support thé deletion of thé requirement of two signatures on thé mail in ballots. It causes an undue burden on voters especially du ring this time of thé coronavirus crisis.
05/26/2020 11:14 PM	Ms. Audrey Nero	300 West 7th Street B112, Charlotte, NC 28202	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. 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. 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</p>

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05/26/2020 11:18 PM	Jose Santiago	520 Nanny Point Dr, Monroe, NC 28110	True	our state's voters safe during the fast-approaching 2020 elections.
				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?
				Thank you.
05/26/2020 11:26 PM	Andrea Greene	11279 us hwy 74 E, Lilesvill, Nc 28091	True	HB 1169 is not enough. Because of the coronavirus many people would not be able to go to the post office to purchase stamps, so the bill should include funds and approval to send prepaid postage request forms and ballots. The request forms should be sent to all voters in North Carolina. There should be greatly expanded access to curbside voting, and make election day a holiday to enable easier social distancing by giving more time for voters to go vote without having to form lines at certain busy hours before and after work, and to provide more space to spread out the voting and allow soial distancing.
05/26/2020 11:27 PM	Joseph Tsai	Chapel Hill, NC	True	<p>Please mail every registered voter in NC an absentee ballot request form along with an addresses and stamped envelope. Also please allow a larger set of ID such as those found in the help America vote act (I think that is what it is called)</p> <p>The bipartisan bill HB 1169 takes some necessary steps to ensuring a safe and fair election this fall. However it does not adequately address some key areas regarding the public health of voters and accessibility of voting for eligible voters, and must be improved to provide crystal clear instructions.</p> <p>Specifically,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) counties should be authorized and empowered to make Early Voting plans that serve their communities' health and safety 2) online voter registration and mail-in voting deadlines should be extended to give adequate time to all voters, especially those in compromised family and health circumstances 3) reasonable forms of identification, such as paycheck stubs, utility bills, and bank and credit card statements should be allowed for an absentee ballot request form 4) the "one-witness" requirement must be clearly explained in the ballot and the return envelope 5) secure, accessible, and reasonably plentiful contact-less drop boxes must be provided to the public 6) the question of photo IDs has been settled and has no place in legislation directed at providing safe voting in a COVID-19 world

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				North Carolina has the opportunity to demonstrate to the rest of the country what a responsible, safe, and fair democratic voting process looks like. HB 1169 is a start, but in it's present form it is not enough. I urge the committee to take these steps to modify and improve the bill, for the interest of all voters and their health and safety.
05/26/2020 11:29 PM	Sandra Colyer	421 E Main Street, Jamestown, NC 27282	True	<p>I believe that absentee voting needs to be as efficient as possible while insuring all votes are counted.</p> <p>I recommend that the NCGA add postage-paid envelopes to eliminate the possibility of returned ballots due to insufficient postage.</p> <p>I recommend that the NCGA mandate dropbox sites in each county allowing voters to securely drop off a completed ballot. Dropbox sites have been used in other states effectively.</p>
05/26/2020 11:29 PM	Mrs. Barbara Pond	Mountain Creek Farm 4305 Calloway Road, Raeford, NC 28376	True	<p>Vote by Mail is an open door to voter fraud in NC. If the 9th Congressional District Race fiasco has taught us anything, it has taught us that harvesting ballots -- at the door, in the mail, or any other way -- does not protect the right to vote but destroy the integrity of votes casts by a majority of voters. In fact, this little scheme is worse than any attempt to promote ballot fraud that I have ever heard of!</p> <p>Pandemics do alter requirements for fair elections.</p>
05/26/2020 11:36 PM	Mr Richard Hilliard	7012 Harps Mill Rd, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	I urge you to vote against this bill.
05/26/2020 11:44 PM	9197825833 Susan Nichols	3217 Northampton Street, Raleigh, NC 27609	True	<p>This draft Act seeks to facilitate absentee voting by mail, but has an omission that should be considered. GS 163-231(b)(2)b requires that ballots received after 5 pm on election day be postmarked by election day. The US Postal Service does not postmark every piece of mail within the common understanding of a postmark. See https://about.usps.com/handbooks/po408/ch1_003.htm . A container return envelope bearing stamps must be taken into a post office to be hand stamped in order to assure a date appears on it. If there is a surge in Covid19 cases in November, voters are not going to want to go into the post office to deposit their ballots.</p> <p>At a minimum, a ballot received through the mail by elections officials on the day after the election should be counted because the ballot would have been mailed by election day.</p> <p>Another factor to consider is what the operations at the US Post Office will be if it does not receive sufficient funding to operate at present levels. Which envelopes will they be postmarking with a date? How prompt will be deliveries?</p> <p>Under the present law, some validly mailed absentee ballots will not be counted that should be. The public may not be aware of</p>

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				the Post Office rules with respect to metered mail and "local" postmarks. A tremendous educational effort will be required if the current statute is unchanged, and even if the Post Office's current practices are unchanged.
05/26/2020 11:44 PM	Ms Arzina Alani	212 Sharp Street , Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27516	True	The bill under consideration is 'IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC' and should not include Voter Identification since this has nothing to do with the current Pandemic. The bill should be bipartisan and passed with the greatest haste, considering only its intent, so all legal voters may vote safely without fear of the coronavirus, either at the polls AND/OR by mail.
05/26/2020 11:49 PM	Mr. Christopher Berg	6 Rosemary Trail, Flat Rock, NC 28731	True	<p>I urge the health-related adaptive effort of HB 1169 be extended to providing local/ county Boards of Election with flexibility in making arrangement for Early Voting sites and hours, to better accommodate social distancing demands.</p> <p>I urge the committee to support efforts to secure and implement funding for paid ballot-return containers for the general election this November. I understand the State Board of Elections now estimates there will be a roughly tenfold increase in requests for absentee ballots for this virus-impacted voting cycle. In order to make processing of absentee requests less problematic, I urge additional funding be secured and directed to the local/ county election boards to accommodate this expected demand. Likewise, I understand there is likely to be a very limited number of poll workers available. I ask the committee to recommend establishment of a one-time state holiday to provide for school or public facility space to more safely conduct the election day work. This measure could be used to encourage government workers to shift from their usual duties to serve as poll workers. Regarding the absentee ballot process, I urge that 1) clear non-conflicting instructions be offered to any absentee ballot applicant as to what they must do to properly vote, 2) that in the event that a ballot is received at a county election board by a date sufficiently in advance of Election Day but may have defects in its submission that would disable its vote, that the voter be notified and give opportunity to cure these problems.</p> <p>I urge the Voter ID requirements affected by HB 1169 be delayed for the remainder of 2020, as they are subject to current injunctions declaring these provisions unenforceable.</p>
05/26/2020 11:55 PM	Mrs. Carol Jones	1304 Hedgelawn Way, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	I request you to vote no on house bill 1169. There should be no change in the election law. Diluting the security of each vote by using other means besides voting at the polling place or in limited absentee voting is a grave problem and could

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				contribute to voter fraud.
05/26/2020 11:56 PM	Mr Dale Pendleton	200 North Trail Drive, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	Please vote NO to this bill. Our elections need to be conducted without corruption. Thank you.
05/26/2020 11:56 PM	Erich Trautman	206 Old Franklin Grove DR, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-5897	True	Given the current circumstances, I would prefer way to safely vote by mail from home. My household has only one other adult living in it and I would like an option that supports this situation. I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill will make mail voting easier, safe and secure. Voting is the basis of our democracy and we should be making it widely and easily available in a manner that also keeps voters safe and preserves the integrity of our elections.
05/26/2020 11:59 PM	Dr Rosemary Graham-Gardner	P.O.Box 3335, Manhattan Beach, Ca 90266	False	It is vital that all Americans have the same rights and means to a safe and fair way of voting in order to have a real Democracy, which we no longer have for the moment..
05/27/2020 12:09 AM	Mr. Andrew Silver	6 Sedley Pl, Durham, NC 27705	True	The bill represents the minimum that needs to be done to allow elections during a period of pandemic to take place and give all voters safe access to the polls. If the bill fails, then it will be questionable whether democracy still exists in North Carolina.
05/27/2020 12:11 AM	Mr Frank Richards	309 Wake, Hillsborough, Nc 27278	True	Voting by mail is essential for safety during a pandemic. Also it creates a paper trail for accuracy. Please enact vote by mail
05/27/2020 12:11 AM	Ms Alexine Miller	3401 Balfour Wedt, Durham, NC 27713	True	Absentee ballot voting is needed in order to ensure that people get a chance to vote.
05/27/2020 12:18 AM	Kevin Farmer	3840 N Lakeshore Dr., Clemmons, NC 27012	True	I appreciate much of what is in this bill: reducing the witness requirement to one is a step in the right direction, and allowing online mail-in absentee applications is absolutely critical. I would like to suggest two additions, both based on past experience helping voters with mail-in absentee voting. First, please bring back the ability to look up someone's mail-in status online. I've helped multiple voters troubleshoot issues receiving their ballot using the Voter lookup tool on the NCSBE web site. Let's bring that back. Second, let's provide "Business Reply" postage-paid envelopes for returning completed ballots. We would only have to pay for those ballots that are returned, and then only the ballots that are mailed without a stamp. I believe that a significant number of our citizens would provide their own stamp if reminded, and our "Business Reply" permit could cover the rest.
05/27/2020 12:19 AM	Candace Heyman	4719 Evelyn Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106	True	I would like this bill to ensure access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines; expand 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

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05/27/2020 12:20 AM	Ms Rosemary McGee	5005 Boulder Creek Lane, Raleigh, NC 27613	True	There are a number of critical requirements that must be satisfied associated with this pandemic to make absentee voting support a person's right to vote including seniors who are particularly affected by Covid19 and they are: modification of requirement for 2 signatures - not available in my home, notary difficult to access at this time, need clear/understandable instructions, NCGA should recruit/train poll workers to replace seniors affected by Covid19, increase number of sites/hours for early voting, absentee ballots should include prepaid postage and accessible drop boxes and have online portal to request a ballot. NCGA objective should be to facilitate voting especially during this PANDEMIC.
05/27/2020 12:23 AM	Mr. Jeff Lewis	10680 US Highway 17 N, Vanceboro, NC 28586	True	Ballot-harvesting is vote theft. The integrity of my vote is threatened by this scam. This bill is worthless, designed by crooks who want to steal elections. STOP THE THIEVES! I swear, the Democrats are looking more like communists with each passing day. I will NEVER support domestic (communists) enemies of the Republic. You are not statesmen, and certainly not honorable if you support this scam.
05/27/2020 12:28 AM	Ms Ruth Louie	1810 Jumpin Run Dr, Wilmington, NC 28403	True	Please allow voters to mail in ballots this year. We are in a pandemic and many people with health issues and those that have to work daily or don't have transportation, deserve the ability to vote this way. Further, since there are fewer polling places, people deserve a way to vote that doesn't put them at risk of serious injury to their health and ability to earn a living. Unintentional exposure to a person with the coronavirus while standing in long lines to exercise the right to vote is bound to happen unless a way to prevent the spread of the virus and stop it from silently infecting innocent people is identified before November 3rd.
05/27/2020 12:38 AM	Christopher Telesca	7021 Tanbark Way, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	<p>Hello,</p> <p>My name is Chris Telesca, and I am the founder of Wake County Verified Voting. I am also a member of the NC Coalition for Verified Voting. Both are grassroots volunteer group seeking to advance evidence-based elections through a transparent, trackable, and publicly verified process.</p> <p>I have been involved in helping to improve election integrity since just before the Public Confidence in Elections Act was passed in 2005. I have worked over the years to strengthen and protect the Act.</p> <p>I have some public comments on HB1169 that your committee is taking up:</p>

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				<p>10 Recommended Changes directly related to this bill</p> <p>1. All County Board of Elections shall broadcast their public meetings, and lost links to the broadcast recordings and posted minutes on the county BOE website so that the public may stay informed of the public business of elections administration.</p> <p>2. Public shall be notified of the date/ time of all pre-election acceptance and logic & accuracy testing of voting equipment. Public shall be allowed to observe testing and receive copies of test plans, test reports and log files of all pre-election testing.</p> <p>3. All boxes of ballots and precinct scanner (usb) removable media picked up by the chief judge prior to the election shall have serial numbered tamper evident seals affixed to them. Serial numbered tamper evident seals shall be verified and recorded by a bi-partisan precinct team at pre-election pick-up of election materials, again at the precinct on the morning of the election prior to polls opening, and again as part of poll closing procedures.</p> <p>4. Precinct chief judges shall boot up precinct scanners and print zero tapes no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the start of the polls opening. Boot up and zero tape printing procedures shall be conducted in the presence of a bi-partisan team of precinct judges. And all zero tapes shall be posted in a public place at the precinct polling place immediately after they are printed.</p> <p>5. When ballots are removed from the precinct scanner bin, they shall be immediately placed in a container and a serial numbered tamper evident seal shall be signed, affixed to the container; the serial number logged into chain-of-custody records by a bi-partisan team consisting of the chief judge and two precinct judges.</p> <p>6. The chief judge shall post a precinct poll tape at the close of polls (currently this is optional). The entire poll tape(s) shall be publicly viewable from outside of the precinct polling location for at least 24 hours (outward facing window). At the county BOE on election night, the public shall be allowed to view and document totals of any precinct poll tapes that were not posted at the close of polls at a precinct.</p> <p>7. Early voting tape totals and absentee ballot tape totals shall not be totaled and printed until the close of polls on election night.</p>

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				<p>8. There shall be bi-partisan chain of custody of all election materials transported back to the county on election night. For counties that bring election materials to transport vans throughout the county, they must sign over materials to another bi-partisan team who will transport the materials to the BOE.</p> <p>9. The public shall be allowed to observe election materials being returned and inventoried at the BOE. Comparison of uploaded precinct totals to poll tapes shall be conducted on election night in full view of the public. This is a critical step in the vote counting/aggregation process.</p> <p>10. Absentee, provisional, overseas absentee, military ballots, and replicated absentee email ballots shall be approved/ not approved by the board in public view, at which time the approved ballot envelopes are to be opened, and ballots scanned in a continually observable process within full view of the board and public.</p> <p>I'd like to add a few points about Absentee By Mail/Vote By Mail that should be added to this bill</p> <p>Other than when I was attending college out of state, I never participated in Absentee By Mail Voting. I like to vote in person, whether at my precinct polling place on Election Day or at a One-Stop Early Voting site where I can also take a friend who might want to avail themselves of Same Day Registration at Early Voting. I like feeding my ballot into a scanner and seeing that my ballot has been counted.</p> <p>I also like voting in person because I can use the AutoMARK ADA-compliant ballot marking device to make human readable marks on the same ballot most voters hand mark. I have low-vision issues, and the AutoMARK is the best ADA-compliant machine in use today. And if ES&S doesn't start to manufacture them again, I predict that someone else will manufacture another device that makes human-readable marks on a pre-printed paper ballots – because paper ballots are the way to go!</p> <p>I also like being able to help voters when they show up in person to vote. In 2008 I heard about voters being de-registered by SDR (because of software issues not discovered during testing and certification that is not required of SDR and electronic poll books) on the first day of early voting at the mall sites not be able to get their issues resolved by the poll workers. These voters were unable to ask political poll greeters for assistance because they</p>

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				were banned from the two early-voting mall sites. Had I or any properly trained poll greeter been there, we could have resolved the issue without HOURS instead of days, and many more voters would not have been re-registered.
				I like voting in person that much, yet I do not plan to vote in person in November 2020 and into the foreseeable future until there is a cure or a vaccine for COVID-19. I do not have much faith in our current state government to provide funding for enough PPE and disinfectant for both our aging poll workers or for our voters. If we aren't providing enough protection for first responders, produce or meat factory workers, correction workers or prisoners, I don't see how we are going to adequately protect the poll workers. And you couldn't get me to work the polls as a poll greeter if you had some 2nd amendment advocate march around my house with guns.
				So I am going to vote with an absentee by mail ballot. I do not know how many folks will obtain the two signatures needed to witness the ABM ballot. I bank at two credit unions and both are closed – how would I find a notary public?
				I remember first going to vote with my paternal grandfather - who fought in WWI and was disabled by his war wounds, He always voted and taught me the importance of being a good citizen and voting in every election. And I have voted in every primary, 2nd primary, general election and runoff since I registered to vote at 18. I voted in person whenever I could, and was able to request an Absentee By Mail ballot whenever I could not vote in person. But I never had to vote during a pandemic - so I hope you do not use the pandemic as cover for raising hurdles or barriers for others to prevent them from voting now. You govern by the consent of the governed - please do not prevent some of us from voting.
05/27/2020 12:47 AM	Ms Rosemary McGee	5005 Boulder Creek Lane, Raleigh, NC 27613	True	Although more is needed to address absentee and early voting, HB1169 is an excellent preliminary step that I endorse. NCGA should change its posture to supporting voters in a fair and equitable manner instead of always seeking bias and self serving advantages. HB1169, here's your chance to make good better or even excellent, few opportunities remain.
05/27/2020 01:01 AM	Citizen & Veteran I H Powell	410 Lynn rd, Raleigh, N. C 27609	True	Please, Please vote AGAINST this bill!!! We already have too much election Fraud!!!
05/27/2020 01:03 AM	Ms. Bonnie Clark	181 Harmony Farm Trail, Harmony, NC 28634	True	Our state must take even more common sense precautions to help voters, like: 1) extending the voter registration deadline for the General Election to the last Saturday of early voting at 5 p.m, and

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				<p>provide more online voter registration options,</p> <p>2) providing mechanisms to cure deficient absentee ballot requests and absentee ballots and allow requests by phone, e-mail, or online and accepting Federal write-in ballots, and</p> <p>3) establishing contactless drop boxes for absentee-by-mail ballots.</p> <p>When it comes to voting and elections, our legislature has a long record of putting partisan games above people. While this week's legislative proposals would make for a starting point, they're also missing critical recommendations made in recent weeks and months by the N.C. State Board of Elections, and both Republican and Democratic local election officials.</p> <p>Elections take time to plan, they require significant logistics, and our counties and voters need certainty. The stakes are really high here. The current public health crisis has significantly disrupted many aspects of our lives and our society, and absent changes to our rules that would ensure access to the ballot, the crisis will exacerbate existing barriers for all voters. We cannot afford to let this pandemic negatively impact this fall's elections.</p>
05/27/2020 01:14 AM	Mr Jay Delancy	4441 Six Forks Rd. Ste 106-233, Raleigh, NC 27609	True	<p>In several ways, this bill facilitates third party groups ordering absentee ballots without the voters' knowledge. Whether by faxing requests, by emailing requests, by ordering ballots on your (proposed) website through a VPN, by eliminating the two-witness rule, or by allowing more people to hand-deliver absentee ballots from nursing homes, this horrible bill would legalize large-scale ballot harvesting. Even if an unwitting voter discovers the ballot in their mailbox before it can be stolen, they would get a visit from a Texas-style "politiquera, who ordered it in the first place. Then, the voter would be intimidated out of their ballot. In case they can't make their quote, this disgusting law would also allow by a majority of complete strangers to control any targeted precinct on Election Day. Think of it: Just over a year ago, your Legislature passed effective reform by a 160 to 1 margin. Since that law actually made it harder for enterprise-level ballot harvesting, the Democrats started filing lawsuits. DON'T BACK DOWN! Wisconsin showed the nation that (as long as you don't weaken the law yourselves) the Federal courts will stop the state courts from unilaterally gutting election-security laws during the federal election cycle. The people who elected you to a majority expect you to fight instead of caving to threats of more lawsuits. And, by the way, if you DO fight, you will ultimately win. If you're too tired to fight, then please resign now and let your local party committee</p>

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				replace you with someone who IS willing to protect us from California-style tyranny.
05/27/2020 01:41 AM	David Sidor	109 Hanover Place, CHAPEL HILL, NC 27516	True	I support HB1169 and would even like it to go further to ensure fair and widespread access to voting. Additions such as post-paid envelopes or secure drop boxes would help to increase the response.. And in the future, sending ballot applications to every registered voter makes sense.
05/27/2020 02:21 AM	Mr James Fleagle	8209 Furtado Dr, Wilmington, NC 28411	True	<p>I applaud the Bill's effort to establish and fund an online portal for submission of Absentee Ballot requests. It would seem prudent to establish a date from which this portal will be operating in order to handle the expected 10 fold increase in requests. July 4th would be an appropriate target to deliver this system.</p> <p>In line with establishing the portal, please consider amendment to restore the availability to the public of the records of ballots requested/ballots sent/ballots returned. While the intention of prior changes in the law around this data was well intentioned to stop abuses, it is a disservice to the public that this information is no longer available to political parties and candidates who will need to know this information about their voters. This is especially true in an election where 40% or more of ballots will be cast by absentee ballot. Daylight on this information will serve us well under these conditions.</p> <p>Finally, I hope consideration will be given to the thought that our Military who are voting by Absentee ballot need only assert their right to vote by the act of completing and submitting their ballots, free of any need for witnesses or notary, and that Civilians deserve the same respect in exercising their rights with no requirement beyond their assertion of identity and eligibility to vote as they would make in person.</p> <p>Thank you for addressing our needs. They are urgent, and efforts to protect our election need to be put in motion as soon as possible to avoid the catastrophes we have seen in Primary voting during this pandemic.</p>
05/27/2020 03:05 AM	Mr Richard Renck	5516 DOEMONT DR, APEX, NC 27539-8641	True	Vote no on this bill!
05/27/2020 03:16 AM	Mr. Gerardo Rivera	Raleigh, North Carolina 27615	True	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am writing to express my concern for a safe, free election for everyone. We should not have to stand in line in person and possibly contact the virus just so we can exercise our right to vote! Our health/ safety comes first! I feel the NCGA is refusing to push for mail-in voting because your political party is afraid to lose. Ironically, more Republicans use</p>

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05/27/2020 03:50 AM	Mr James Corrigan	3608 Davis Drive STE #356, Morrisville, NC 27560	True	mail-in voting (absentee) than Democrats during most, normal elections. In fact, Donald Trump usually votes by mail yet, Democrats are not allowed to vote my mail. Typical hypocrisy from Trump & the Republican Party!
				We do not want to have the same fate as WI in terms of voters becoming exposed to COVID-19 & testing positive. The number of cases could very well increase once we start to reopen the economy further. It's possible the virus will come back with a vengeance during the fall/winter along with the influenza virus. If voters become ill/die because you all don't allow for mail-in voting then you will be held accountable/responsible for people's illnesses/death!
				Thank you for your time.
05/27/2020 03:50 AM	Mr James Corrigan	3608 Davis Drive STE #356, Morrisville, NC 27560	True	Please allow those who wish to vote and do not want to expose themselves to possible infection to vote easily via mail
05/27/2020 04:03 AM	Mrs. Carla Jung	3401 Mill Pond Rd, Charlotte, NC 28226	True	A few things that HB1169 would accomplish that I'm in very strong support of are the following: - Lowering the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their ballot - Make requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the option to request one 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 address potential poll worker shortages - Providing resources so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected and voters can cast a ballot in safety during this pandemic
				A few items that I would still like to see included in this bill are 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
				Thank you for taking these requests into account.
05/27/2020 04:54 AM	Mr. Richard Fullerton	2315 Frederick Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27103	True	Making voting by mail available and simple for all NC residents is obviously a simple and equitable way to handle the problem created by the pandemic that could lead to chaos and catastrophe without it.
05/27/2020 04:55 AM	Mrs Barbara Littell	9017 Yellow Pine Court, Waxhaw, NC 28173	True	It is critical to the continued existence of our republic that the voting rights of EVERY citizen be protected and encouraged.

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				This time of pandemic requires special attention. There is no reason that voting by mail cannot be constructed in such a way as to minimize fraud yet encouraging all citizens to vote.
				Voting rights are NOT political and any perversion of that needs to be rejected.
05/27/2020 04:59 AM	Dr. Andra Wilkinson	305 SPRUCE ST, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	It is vital to make it easier for people to vote safely this fall.
05/27/2020 05:25 AM	Mr. Roger Littell	9017 Yellow Pine Ct., Waxhaw, North Carolina 28173	True	All possible steps must be in place to assure that every eligible person is guaranteed the ability to vote
05/27/2020 05:55 AM	Mrs. Amina Turner	1805 Crooked Creek Rd, Greenville, NC 27858	True	<p>We know generally, that the Presidential Election tends to attract more voters on a consistent basis than many of our own municipal elections. With the challenge that COVID-19 presents, it is imperative that all citizens can exercise their right to vote that protects both health and safety, and the ballot.</p> <p>Additionally, with the preponderance of underlying health conditions in many North Carolinians, we need a smart approach to registering to vote and voting in response to this deadly novel coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 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>Let us learn from the Wisconsin Primary: shortage of poll workers and closed polling places led to long lines, and over-exposure to the coronavirus. North Carolina does not need that. Institute voting by mail for all who choose this means to exercise their right as citizens, and incorporate the current HAVA identification methods of which North Carolinians are accustomed. Protect North Carolinians’ right to vote through the expansion of voter access with health and safety to mitigate the risks of the pandemic’s impact upon the November election.</p>
05/27/2020 06:11 AM	Ms. Ann Harraaoow	312 Carlton Drive , Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	<p>Amina J. Turner</p> <p>I am petitioning for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No voter ID being required; - Extending mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration; - Giving flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-

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				person voting; - Allowing the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes and - Providing pre-paid postage for mail in ballots
05/27/2020 06:15 AM	Ms Jewel Wheeler	1026 Wells St, Durham, NC 27707	True	I am worried that the idiots who refuse to take the pandemic seriously will cause it to still be raging through election season, so I want to vote by mail. With the future so uncertain, making the rules known now is important, as is planning ahead to be able to comply with all of them .Being required to find witnesses and to pay a notary is onerous and anti-democratic, doubly so while practicing social distancing.
05/27/2020 06:22 AM	Dr Cameron Kurowski	30 Farrwood Ave, Asheville, North Carolina 28804	True	Please simplify voting by mail/ absentee ballots as simple as possible to allow all eligible citizens the opportunity to vote anc participate in our democracy.
05/27/2020 06:22 AM	Jennifer EVATT	913 James Doak Parkway, Greensboro, NC 27455	True	Rushed legislation is never good legislation. Please slow down and communicate the possible changes to the voters and allow additional time to understand and provide comment.
05/27/2020 06:28 AM	House Bill 1169 Thomas Hardecker	312 Covewood Trail, Asheville, North Carolina 28805	True	Please protect our voting rights, and the rights of all citizens .
05/27/2020 06:30 AM	Celia Blalock	1829 Sir Tyler Drive Apt 217, Wilmington , NC 28405	True	Please include options for safe and healthy voting: vote by mail (absentee ballots), mandated PPE at polling places. Such measures are critical as we live in this time of Covid19. As a 73 year old widow, I will continue isolating until we have a proven vaccine. With several family members who are immune-compromised, I want them to be positioned to exercise their right to vote without concern they will get sick. If I do have to vote in person, I have one (1) N95 mask that I am saving for Nov 3. I hope I do not have to use it.
05/27/2020 06:35 AM	Ms. Adrienne Kelly-Lumpkin	4205 City of Oaks Wynd, Raleigh , NC 27612	True	Thank you for your attempt to address some issues for the 2020 election but this bill falls far short of what we need, particularly due to the pandemic. We need safer ways for the public to vote including extended time on the last Saturday, removal of both witnesses for absentee ballots and no-touch drop boxes for mail in ballots. Every eligible voter has the right to a safe and fair election, and to have their vote count.
05/27/2020 06:54 AM	Dr Glenna Batson	434 Fearington Post, Pittsboro , North Carolina 27312	True	Our democracy is under threat- first by a serious Badly managed pandemic which puts people at risk with in person voting and also by a threat to close post offices. Please act on behalf of the public trust
05/27/2020 06:55 AM	Kim Coley	808 Cricketfield , Cary, NC 28518	True	Protecting the vote of every memeber of House District 36 is my primary concern. It is my understanding that currently, the WBOE must accept ballots even if there are errors such as mis matched dates and or an expired stamp from a Notary. How can we guarantee the integrity of each

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				2020 ballot with one random witness if there are flaws within the position of a public notary. The IRS isn't processing paper returns due to lack of man power. This bill requires so much money from a state that has been closed for months. Now is the time to simply and clarify by getting back to the basics. I don't approve this bill-
05/27/2020 06:58 AM	Dr. Suzanne Botts	731 South Boylan A Ebru, Raleigh, NC 27603	True	Covid-19 has imperiled North Carolina elections for many reasons. Please protect the voters and election officials from the risk of exposure by expanding the ability to register new voters, expand options to make a request to receive an absentee-by-mail ballot by fax, email and online application, make 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 and improved in-person voting options through safer polling locations. Suzanne Botts
05/27/2020 07:02 AM	Katherine Gleason	813 Welford Rd, Raleigh, NC 27610	True	The sections of this bill that enhance voting access - for example, the return to requiring only one witness for absentee ballots and extending the time period for requesting absentee ballots - should be passed. However, the sections regarding photo identification should be removed. Requiring photo identification (unless said ID is provided to all eligible voters free-of-charge) functions as a poll tax and is unconstitutional. Additionally, requiring photo identification for absentee ballots presents a significant hardship - voters must somehow access technology to copy/scan/print their ID, and have no recourse if that ID is deemed unacceptable once their ballot is returned.
05/27/2020 07:02 AM	Ms Jane Yokoyama	387 Pearson Dr., Asheville, NC 28801	True	I support any efforts to improve safe and secure voter turn out. I applaud the bipartisan efforts of this bill. In light of the pandemic we especially need to make it easier to use mail in ballots. The need for one rather than two witness signatures is important. I wish there was a way to include secure mail in drop boxes. Thanks so much for
05/27/2020 07:05 AM	Ms Hona Harrington	1511 Bellevue , Durham , NC 27705	True	Please make access to voting safe and easy. Vote-by-mail will be necessary for many of us.
05/27/2020 07:07 AM	Dr Keith Houck	9622 Collins Creek Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	We have a critical need to protect our democratic right to vote during this pandemic. I support HB 1169 with the following needed changes: Adding prepaid postage to absentee ballots Send absentee ballot request forms to all NC voters Allow felons to vote after release from prison—they have done their time. Provide for increased curbside voting. Thank you,

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05/27/2020 07:07 AM	Velma Timmons	8458 Carolina Lily Ln, Charlotte, NC 28262	True	Keith Houck I live alone and don't know where I can find witnesses/notary while practicing social distance. I am worried about a second wave in the fall, so making the rules known now is important for me to be able to plan ahead and comply with all of them
05/27/2020 07:08 AM	House Bill 1169 Frank Tangari	9136 Doublebit Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27615	True	Please pass House Bill 1169 to provide necessary and publicly safer voting options.
05/27/2020 07:09 AM	Ms. Rebecca Showalter	921 Walkertown Dr, Raleigh, NC 27614	True	As we face a November election with so many unknowns about health and safety, it is important that we plan NOW for North Carolinians to be able to vote safely. I support easier access to mail in voting requests and only one witness. Thank you.
05/27/2020 07:12 AM	Voting is all we have Tatiana Hargreaves	2309 stroller ave, Durham, Nc 27705	True	Voting is all we have right now. Our lives are at risk every day during the smallest activities and voting is how we can enact the changes we want as we move forward through this pandemic. Anything to help voting by mail and other alternative forms to broaden voting access is integral to maintaining democracy admits the pandemic. Please help make voting accesible for all North Carolinians, especially the most vulnerable of our communities.
05/27/2020 07:12 AM	Bryan Toney	2405 Camden Road , Greensboro, NC 27403	True	Absentee voting needs to be easier in NC and local voting officials need additional resources to insure safe, accurate and timely recording of votes received by mail.
05/27/2020 07:13 AM	Ms Bridget J Dunford	525 Patton Valley Dr, Nebo, MS 28761	True	PROTECT OUR RIGHT TO VOTE! 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 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. 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. 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? PLEASE REPLY Thank you.

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05/27/2020 07:14 AM	Tanya Rowell	57 Hilltop Rd, Asheville , NC 28803	True	Voting by mail is safe & a viable option for NC.
05/27/2020 07:17 AM	Ms Bridget J Dunford	525 Patton Valley Dr, Nebo, NC 28761	True	Please add the following to HB 1169: 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
05/27/2020 07:18 AM	Mr Jeff Bohan	900 Teague Rd, Winston-Salem, NC 27107	True	House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast ballots at home or in person for the upcoming 2020 elections. HB1169 must do more to protect voters. Such as including, allowing more access to voter Registration by extending mail-in and on line 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. The committee must go the extra mile to protect all North Carolina voters. Can I count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169s basic protections for North Carolina voters? Thank you
05/27/2020 07:20 AM	Mark Herrmann	2113 e 5th st, Charlotte, Nc 28204	True	We need to have voting by mail. Plain and simple. Do not allow Republicans to suppress my vote!
05/27/2020 07:20 AM	Kathleen Rickert	2709 Legion Avenue, Durham, NC 27707	True	I am as a NC resident in support of HB 1169, during this time it is vastly important to allow people to exercise their right vote in a way they are comfortable with, for many this may be through absentee ballots.
05/27/2020 07:21 AM	Mrs Tammy Herrmann	2113 E 5th Street, Charlotte, NC 28204	True	I fully support sending all NC residents an absentee ballot in the face of the coronavirus stay at home orders and to help mitigate the spread of the virus. I have an autoimmune disease and having an absentee ballot would benefit me. I worry about older North Carolinians and poll workers.
05/27/2020 07:21 AM	Luisa Schmidt	3369 Brucemont Dr, Wilmington , NC 28495	True	I disagree with shifting to all-mail elections and sending ballots to voters who did not request to vote.
05/27/2020 07:28 AM	Mrs. elaine willers	1509 Barley Place, Raleigh, NC 27615-3503	True	Dear Friends, Please vote no on House Bill 1169 so that we can have confidence in honest and true elections. Sincerely, elaine willers
05/27/2020 07:28 AM	Mr Mark Rader	5716 Old Pearce Rd, Wake Forest, NC 27587-9674	True	House Committee members, please allow the most open (but secure) voting opportunities for all voters in this election in light of Covid-19, that is- remote virtual, absentee, or other accommodations as your committee deems fit after debate. I believe the democratic voting process calls for all citizens to be able to vote in

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				this important election year. It would be most refreshing to see bipartisan compromise and consideration of this issue for the greatest good for the greatest number of citizens. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of our views as citizens.
05/27/2020 07:28 AM	Alfred Saupe	19 Soco Street, Asheville , NC 28801	True	Please do everything possible to make voting convenient and secure during the pandemic. People shouldn't have to choose between their health and their right (and civic duty) to vote. My 69 year old wife has had pneumonia twice. She shouldn't be required to stand in a crowded polling place. HB1169 is a step in the right direction. Thanks.
05/27/2020 07:29 AM	M's. Eileen McConville	101 Hilltop Lane, Hampstead, NC 28443	True	With the continuing pandemic, the state must do all it can to ensure ALL North Carolinians can vote on November 3. If the virus is still with us, we will have a hard time getting poll workers who can sit for hours and be exposed to hundreds of people. Citizens with Cancer, Cystic Fibrosis, COPD and others diseases will NOT be able to stand in line to vote. If voters stand 6' apart, lines will go on for miles. Please do all you can to provide mail in ballots for this year and possibly every year.
05/27/2020 07:31 AM	Stephanie Brown	111 Trawick Place , Durham, NC 27712-1016	True	North Carolina needs vote by mail, now, to ensure free, fair and safe elections come November. Citizens in our democracy should not have to risk our lives to cast votes in the most consequential election of our lifetime. There will almost certainly still be a great risk of COVID19 in the fall; without a vaccine, treatment, adequate testing for active infection or serologic testing, safety of citizens to vote cannot be assured.
05/27/2020 07:33 AM	Gwendolyn Erickson	604 Courtland Street, Greensboro, NC 27401	True	The NC House should support HB 1169. I hope this legislation is able to move forward with wide bipartisan support. I am glad to see e-mail included as an option for requesting absentee ballots and including appropriations to be sure their is adequate support to ethically complete elections in 2020 regardless of any pandemic risks. I consider it my civic duty to vote and go to my precinct to cast my ballot. However, I personally have benefitting from absentee voting options in the past when circumstances have not allowed for me to do so. This bill improves upon that process to make it smoother and more secure. Implementing the protocols presented in House Bill 1169 is essential for 2020. Voting must be accessible to all eligible voters and will not be without these measures in place.
05/27/2020 07:35 AM	Jake Quinn	428 Sunset Drive, Asheville, North Carolina 28804	True	In regards to HB1169, I am heartened to see that most of its provisions would help North Carolinians to vote in 2020. Unfortunately, it also contains provisions that would result in fewer people voting.

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				<p>Section 10 ought to be stricken from the bill entirely, as requirement of photo ID would undermine the objective of encouraging participation in the election. And Section 11.1.(b), instead of allowing policymakers the ability to accommodate community preferences, would continue a statewide requirement that early voting sites be open for 11-1/2-hour days Monday through Friday that is inefficient, wasteful of taxpayer money, and imposes unreasonable burdens on election services staff.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment.</p>
05/27/2020 07:36 AM	Michelle Schott	5827 Woodberry Rd, Durham , NC 27707	True	<p>North Carolina needs vote by mail, now, to ensure free, fair and safe elections come November. Citizens in our democracy should not have to risk our lives to cast votes in the most consequential election of our lifetime. There will almost certainly still be a great risk of COVID19 in the fall; without a vaccine, treatment, adequate testing for active infection or serologic testing, safety of citizens to vote cannot be assured.</p>
05/27/2020 07:36 AM	mrs. Catherine Schmid	6316 Hawksbill Drive, Wilmington, NC Catherine	True	<p>The NC House should support HB 1169.</p> <p>I think we should have mail in ballots in the November election</p>
05/27/2020 07:36 AM	HB1169 pamela dupuis	19 Soco St, asheville, NC 28801	True	<p>Nobody should have to choose between their health and voting. Please support HB1169. Thank you.</p>
05/27/2020 07:40 AM	Ms. Caitlin Metzguer	810 Gerard St, Durham, NC 27701	True	<p>I would really like to see secure dropboxes included as a way to return absentee ballots. With questions about supply chain issues and potential USPS delays, having a way to make sure that completed ballots can be returned with confirmation would be very helpful. I also encourage you to lower or remove the witness requirement so all voters can follow health experts advice to practice social distancing. Please secure funding for pre-paid envelopes for voters to use. Lastly, please ensure that county BOEs have flexibility to choose early voting sites and hours. The uniform hour mandate during an already financially strained year will restrict voter access. The local boards know what works for them, and having the flexibility to choose more sites will encourage fewer crowded lines. Voters need expansive options to vote safely by mail or in person.</p>
05/27/2020 07:41 AM	Mrs. Denise Ribble	139 NE 3rd Street, Oak Island, North Carolina 28465	True	<p>I am against the proposed photo ID component of House Bill 1169. There should be no photo ID requirement to vote in 2020.</p> <p>Currently the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is the only agency where you can do online voter registration, if you have a valid NC drivers license or DMV ID. I am in favor of expanding voter registration opportunities through</p>

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				extending the 25-day limit and allowing online voter registration for clients of other NC agencies. Regarding absentee ballot request forms, HAVA IDs should be acceptable for use in the absentee ballot request application. Regarding Absentee ballots you should make sure the one-witness requirement is clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope and allow the option of no contact drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. (I think SC has dropped it's witness requirement completely because of Covid 19 concerns) Give flexibility back to the counties to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation.
05/27/2020 07:42 AM	Mr. Kevin O'Donnell	808 Ward St, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	<p>Please pass NC House Bill 1169. This would eliminate the requirement for two witnesses for voter signatures as well as facilitate the process for obtaining an absentee ballot, including accessing one via an online portal.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration to this matter.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Kevin S O'Donnell</p>
05/27/2020 07:42 AM	Ms Donna Dyer	1522 Imperial Dr, Durham , NC 27712	True	Please allow vote by mail! This November is an important election for all people to be allowed to vote on all races. It's no different from the many forms of absentee voting and other states have used it effectively. Don't endanger lives and suppress the votes of elderly and sick. Thank you.
05/27/2020 07:43 AM	Mr Robert Hackett	1027 Central Park Circle, Davidson, NC 28036	True	I urge you to pass HB 1169 in order that we all might be able to safely exercise our democratic right to vote. I served this country for nearly 30 years in the US Army and defending our democracy was my overriding reason. Please pass this bill to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice defending our form of government.
05/27/2020 07:45 AM	Mrs. Lucille Ribble	407 E oak Island Dr, Oak Island, NC	True	I am against photo ID requirement in HB 1169
05/27/2020 07:45 AM	Patti Hall	7408 Archers Creek Ct, Emerald Isle, NC 28594	True	I support HB1169, especially facilitating vote by mail. I am 67 years old and live with my 69 year old husband in Emerald Isle, NC. My husband and I are in relatively good health, but still take precautions for safety against the coronavirus. Not everyone does and this causes me fear and anxiety. We went fishing this weekend and I have never in the 16 years that I have lived here seen so many people (forget stay at home). So many people were defiantly ignoring social distancing, no masks, etc. I feel this is going to be an ugly election and I would really like to cast my ballot from home by mail with a stamped return

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				envelope. I have stamps, but feel this may be a hardship for many people in NC. Whatever we can do to expand voting, we should do.
05/27/2020 07:45 AM	Dr. Carol Klein	808 Creekstone Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	I support the provisions of HB 1169, that will allow voting to be safer during the pandemic. I ask for the following additions: that Election Day be a state holiday so that more buildings (such as schools) be available to allow social distancing and more people are available to be poll workers; that curbside voting be expanded; and that no guns are allowed on voting premises.
05/27/2020 07:49 AM	Mr William Parvin	912 Mossy Oak Drive, Fuquay-Varina , NC 27526	True	Do not let this pass! This is tyranny!
05/27/2020 07:50 AM	Mr. Gilbert Pagan	117 forest edge drive, Cary, Nc 27518	True	Hi . i am Against this bill as it has many provisions that arr ripe for voter fraud. Please shelve this bill, or vote it down. Thank you.
05/27/2020 07:52 AM	Mrs Nellie Greer	103 Hibiscus Ct, Apex, NC 27523	True	Please do not allow HB 1169 to pass. It will lead to many ways that voter fraud can occur. This bill is completely unnecessary. Thank you
05/27/2020 07:52 AM	Mrs Nicole Wall-Parvin	912 Mossy Oak Drive, Fuquay-Varina , NC 27526	True	Please vote against this. This is not good for NC!
05/27/2020 07:52 AM	paula stanley	301 Buena Vista Drive, Pilot Mountain, NC 27041	True	we need stricter voter ID laws instead of allowing ballots sent out based on email requests or other means! Absentee ballots are available and this bill is another clear move by democrats to making cheating easier! Voting times needs to be limited instead of increased. Voter ID laws need to be passed..this is a disgrace!
05/27/2020 07:52 AM	mr. albert robert rubin	205 stanton gable lane, Hillsborough, NC 27278	True	The right to vote is essential for democracy and I strongly support this bill. It increases the opportunity for access to voting for all North Carolina voters. We face significant challenges in the years ahead and the only opportunity available to voters to exercise our rights is the vote.
05/27/2020 07:53 AM	Rev David Parry	137 Sandee Dr, Angier, NC 27501	True	While this bill does not contain everything we need to do to promote fair elections, it is a good start. We should be making it easier to let ALL qualified voters in a way that is simple and safe. To reject this bill will show your disdain for the rights of ALL North Carolinians.
05/27/2020 07:54 AM	Alice Hurley	20013 Bragg, chapel hill, nc 27517	True	I support efforts to make voting by mail easier for the 2020 election and future elections.
05/27/2020 07:54 AM	Mr Glenn Wall	1865 Bud Lipscomb Road, Willow Spring, Nc 27526	True	Please do NOT vote for this!
05/27/2020 07:55 AM	Please expand this bill Jennifer Wichman	104 E. Maynard Ave., Durham, NC 27704	True	Please: —give increased 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 (e.g. utility bill, bank statement, paycheck) —expand SAFE in-person voting AND avoid long lines! Please give flexibility

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				back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.
				Thank you.
05/27/2020 07:55 AM	Mrs Sybil Wall	1865 bud lipscomb road, Willow spring, Nc 27592	True	Vote No to this!!
05/27/2020 07:56 AM	Dian Hloros	19907 River Falls Drive, Davidson, Nc 28036	True	As a senior in the Covid19 risk group I feel it is important to have the option of an absentee ballot for the 2020 election. I am able to drive so, for me, having curb drop off of my ballot would ensure my vote counted. Please allow all NC voters to participate without worry for their health. Plan now for Nov. Thank you
05/27/2020 07:56 AM	Mr William Parvin Jr	106 N Reed Drive, Washington , Nc 27889	True	Vote No to this
05/27/2020 07:56 AM	Ms Susan Casey	48 Slide Rock Way, Fairview, NC 28730	True	HB 1169 is a positive first step to address the concerns of safe, secure access to voting to protect voters and polling staff. However more needs to be done. - 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) - 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 - Eliminating a voter ID requirement which has twice been struck down by the courts for its discriminatory intent Thank you.
05/27/2020 07:57 AM	Mrs Jacqueline Hackett	1027 Central Park Circle, Davidson, NC 28036	True	As the spouse of someone who has served in the US Army I urge you to pass this legislation. Voting is the bedrock of our democracy and to ensure that all may safely exercise their right this bill would secure that ability. Many have died in the service of this country to defend that right please honor that sacrifice.
05/27/2020 07:57 AM	Jennifer Osborne	27613	True	I've worked at my Wake County polling place for several elections, and we need safe voting procedures to keep workers like me and voters safe during the November 2020 election. I worked the March 3, 2020 election, and even though I took what we thought were reasonable precautions at the time, I still got sick with a respiratory illness 4 days after the election. My polling place was a small room in a church, and we had hundreds of voters come through. Please make sure that adequate funding is allocated so that county boards of elections can set up safe voting procedures, such as robust vote-by-mail and early voting. Even though I'm young enough to not be considered "at risk" for major complications from Covid-19, I would not want to work at the polls in November using the same system we had in March. Too risky. I will probably vote by mail instead.

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05/27/2020 07:58 AM	Mrs Betty Parvin	106 N Reed drive, Washington , Nc 27889	True	Vote no to this!
05/27/2020 07:58 AM			True	<p>My name is Chris Bell and I am President of the North Carolina Council of the Blind (NCCB). I submit these comments regarding HB 1069 on behalf of myself and the members of the organization which I lead. I have three of the health markers which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states might result in danger to my health and safety should I contract Covid-19. I am obese, with a BMI of 31, have high blood pressure even with medication and I am 68 years of age. Numerous members of NCCB are similarly at serious risk of harm should they become infected by the novel coronavirus. Many of our members are 60 years of age or older because the prevalence of serious visual impairment increases significantly with age. And diabetes is the most common cause of blindness for persons under the age of 65. HB 1069 does not adequately protect our cherished and fundamental right to vote privately, independently and without subjecting ourselves to the very real risk of harm or even death regardless of whether we vote in person or by absentee ballot</p> <p>Voting in Person</p> <p>.</p> <p>Voting machines are available at precinct polling locations which enable a person without sight or with low vision to mark a ballot and submit it privately and independently in compliance with standards under the federal Help America Vote Act. Two barriers remain, however, which HB 1069 does not address. Access to information available to the public regarding the time and place of voting and the availability of sample ballots are not equally available to people who cannot see or cannot see well enough to read print. To overcome this limitation, HB 1069 needs to require that all information pertaining to voting and ballots be made available online in a form that is readable by screen readers. A screen reader is software which enables online material to be read out loud and/or otherwise read by people with low vision with magnification , high contrast or in various backgrounds and colors to enhance readability. The second barrier to safe, independent, and private voting is the coronavirus pandemic. All polling places must operate with the necessary social distancing and voters and poll workers must always be required to wear masks . Unfortunately, various statutory and regulatory requirements pertaining to voting increase the likelihood of crowding at a diminished number of polling places with reduced hours of operation. These shortcomings and their solutions are fully set forth in the civil action filed by</p>

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				<p>Democracy North Carolina et al. against the State filed in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina on May 22, 2020 and will not be repeated here.</p> <p>Voting Absentee.</p> <p>The State's current absentee voting scheme also extremely disadvantages blind and low vision voters and requires them to violate social distancing and risk their health to vote absentee. . From the inaccessibility of the online form for requesting an absentee ballot, the need to mark a printed ballot with sighted assistance, the necessity of finding two witnesses or a notary public to witness the voter's balloting and the need for the voter to sign and return the ballot in the mail all create difficulties to the safe, private and independent right to vote. Fortunately, there is a solution to these problems which we urge the State to adopt by legislation. The States of West Virginia, Delaware and New Jersey have all adopted fully accessible, online voting procedures which enable a blind voter to request an absentee ballot via the Internet, mark the ballot independently and return it electronically to the appropriate election official without leaving home or requiring the assistance of other persons.</p>
05/27/2020 07:58 AM	Margaret Teeter	1990 Acorn Drive , New Bern , NC 28563	True	Please expand HB1169 to include provisions that will guarantee that every registered voter's vote is counted. We have had too many years of voter suppression and laws changing in various states. All votes matter.
05/27/2020 07:59 AM	Mr Harold Newton	1701 Bud Lipscomb road, Willow spring, Nc 27592	True	Vote NO to this bill!
05/27/2020 08:01 AM	Ms Ann Baker	407 LONGLEAF DR, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	I strongly urge the committee to add further protections for North Carolina voters to HB 1169 to increase the likelihood of a fair election that includes all citizens. Thank you.
05/27/2020 08:01 AM	Randy stanley	301 Buena Vista Drive, Pilot Mountain, NC 27041	True	this bill must be turned down today! what was Grange thinking? There are 5 ways to cheat during an election enhanced. by this bill! 3 ways to order ballots, witnesses removed and college students meaning the polls! do your job and wake up Republicans! NO to this bill!
05/27/2020 08:06 AM	Mr. Kurt Liberatore	34 Pineland St, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	<p>House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:</p> <p>Due to the many uncertainties about the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, I request that House Bill 1169 election relief bill be amended to provide additional solutions to make it easier for all voters to safely 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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				<p>release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 should do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines- Broaden access to mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA id's- Expand safe, in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving the authority back to counties to make early voting plans that best serve their communities <p>These key additions would allow North Carolina to avoid the mistakes made by other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to COVID-19 and assure that North Carolinians have every opportunity to exercise their right to vote. As a North Carolina voter, I urge you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's protections for North Carolina voters.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>