

To whom it may concern:

I strongly oppose HB -341 as it would allow **Absentee Ballot Canvass to start 14 days prior to Election**. Counting votes over two weeks is much less secure than counting votes on election day. It is more susceptible to manipulation or leakage of the total votes a candidate may have received while ballots are still being mailed. It is very difficult for volunteer vote-poll watchers to be present for 14 days. During the 2020 election poll watchers were excluded from the mail-in ballot counting. This should not be repeated.