

# Men and Women For a Representative Democracy In America

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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Nadler:

Voting by mail masquerades as a perfect alternative to in-person voting, but nothing could be farther from the truth. It is, in fact, the precursor to a quagmire from which we may never be able to extricate ourselves, and our organization stands firmly opposed to voting by mail for the following reasons:

**First.** Verification of every voter and his *right* to vote should be confirmed - before he casts a vote. Voter ID is an important element of voter confirmation. When driving, a driver's license with photo ID must be produced if one is stopped by a police officer. Photo ID is required before any medical procedure is performed. A passport with photo ID is required before a citizen leaves or enters the country. It's a matter of security. The American citizen is entitled to *know* that his vote is no less secure and will not be diluted by the votes of non-citizens, deceased individuals, or a voter using multiple identities or voting in multiple states.

**Second.** While absentee ballots are necessary for those unable to vote in person by reason of distance (military service or employment requirements) or infirmity (the elderly or medically compromised), the voter mail-in system has demonstrated itself to be open to substantial fraud. We specifically call your attention to the controversy occurring in the 2018 "ballot harvesting" in California. Whether or not fraud was actually involved is irrelevant; the problem lies with the *appearance*, the ease with which too much "assistance" could be given to elderly voters or those less informed on the issues or blank-ballot purchasing.

**Third.** When the federal government dumps millions of mail-in ballots on the U.S. Postal Service for delivery on a given day (not having identified whether or not their targeted voter is dead or alive), it's not a big leap to envision ballots stolen from mailboxes on the day of delivery. We are all familiar with the unscrupulous characters who follow UPS and FedEx trucks for the sole purpose of stealing packages that have been delivered. By the time the intended voter realizes he has not received his ballot and calls his local Board of Elections, his ballot, complete with his printed name and signature on the return envelope has already been received and tallied.



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**Fourth.** Of the numerous reasons **not** to move the country to a mail-in voting system, perhaps the most important justification is this: Voting by mail ***does not secure the integrity of the vote.*** The "secret ballot," the voter's right to anonymity, is severely compromised when a third party comes between the voter and his ballot. When the voter votes in person, the ballot passes directly from the voter's hands to the mechanical or digital reader or the locked ballot box, mixed with other ballots, and tallied after the polls close. The ballot is "secret"; no one else knows the voter's selections. Why is voter anonymity important? ***It is the primary barrier to voter intimidation and retribution from the opposing party.***

To suggest that a shift to mail-in voting is a "convenience" to the American voter and his trip to the polls every two years is too much trouble is a disgraceful and direct affront to those whose blood bought that right to vote.

This organization will **NOT** support mail-in voting. And we most definitely will not support any member of Congress who is willing to compromise ballot security for "convenience." We urge you to reject mail-in voting as the standard for this country.

Sincerely,

Member

Cc: President Donald Trump