



February 23, 2026

The Honorable Rodric Bray
President Pro Tem
200 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear President Pro Tem Bray:

We are writing as members of the non-partisan All IN for Democracy coalition, a collective of Indiana not-for-profit organizations who work together to advance public policies that remove barriers to voting in Indiana. We are concerned about the amendment added to HB1359 in the Senate Elections Committee on Monday, February 16 and ask you to use your authority as the top Senate leader to stop this bill from advancing.

We believe it is appropriate for you to intervene in this matter because the language added to HB1359 will make a major change to early voting in Indiana and the public was given no opportunity to speak on its impact at the committee hearing. It is an affront to the process for such a significant amendment to be advanced without any input from election administrators or organizations representing voters.

Interest is growing in the mid-term elections, and we are hopefully optimistic that Indiana will see an increase in voter turnout this year. Early voting is extremely popular across our state and in many counties, including Johnson County in your district, a majority of voters cast their ballot before Election Day. Hoosier voters already face long lines to vote early and decreasing the early voting period by almost two weeks will mean longer waits for voters and increased stress for election workers. It is simply wrong for the General Assembly to make such a drastic change so close to the primary election without proper vetting.

These long lines negatively impact all voters, but have a disproportionate impact on elderly, disabled, and low-income Hoosiers. Fewer early voting options means more Hoosiers will be forced to cast their ballot on Election Day, leading to more congestion and long lines during the last opportunity for voters to participate. There is no evidence that our current 28-day early voting period leads to problems with the security of our elections, which the amendment's author alleged in committee.

Early voting in Indiana is not broken and it does not need to be fixed. Please use your position as the leader of the Indiana Senate to stop the advancement of a bill that could create real hardships for Indiana voters and election administrators.

Sincerely yours,

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