

**HB1097**  
**Workgroup on Mail-In Ballot Accessibility**  
**Ways and Means Committee**  
**Position: Favorable**

Dear Honorable Chairperson Vanessa Atterbeary and Vice-Chair Jheanelle Wilkins,

I am in favor of HB 1097 which establishes a workgroup to examine current processes and procedures in the state relating to mail-in ballot returns including the assessment of the impact on voters with disabilities. The state needs to collect information on current practices for accessible alternatives. As a parent with an adult son with multiple disabilities the current mail-in ballot has allowed Matthew to have his voice heard. Any alternative method to mail-in ballots needs to provide a similar level of accessibility so all individuals with disabilities can continue to be a part of the community of engaged citizens in local, state and federal elections.

Please vote in favor of HB 1097.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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