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LD 1527

I URGE you to vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD1527, An Act to Require Postage Prepaid Envelopes Be Provided for the Return of Absentee Ballots. My first instinct for this is to say that we should not have to pay for the fact that some people, who may not even pay taxes in our state, is able to get their ballot mailed in for free. I'm sure that the military must take care of the soldiers' ballots, but these people are giving their lives to keep our country safe from our enemies. The other people abroad are either working at very high-paying jobs or going to school. They may or may not pay taxes in the U.S. I have a problem with them even having a vote at all. If they want to live overseas permanently, they should pay taxes there. Not raise our taxes here. Besides postage we would have to supply an envelope. Ridiculous! The only thing that makes this at all reasonable is that it might curtail some of the FAX and EMAIL fraudulent voting that is going on. That, I do believe, is out of hand. I'm for a bill that gives us the possible security of a paper ballot with minimal cost to already burdened taxpayers! Thank you for your consensus consideration on LD1527.