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Submitted to the Committee on Elections

For HB 1217

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Rhonda Anderson

self

Longview, TX

I am FOR HB1217

Lupe Rodriguez

Self

Grand Prairie, TX

Thank you

Chris Donofrio

Self

The Woodlands, TX

I support HB 1217.

Respectfully,

Chris J Donofrio

Steve Hadley

SELF

Spring, TX

Don't restrict what is already in place. That is politically motivated.

Robyn Honig

Self/None

Again, TX

I oppose HB 1217. It's another voter suppression bill.

Maureen Voosen

self - architect

Austin, TX

I am in favor of standardizing requirements for in-person early voting.

Carl Jones, TDP Non Urban Rural Caucus State Field Coordinator

TDP Non Urban Rural Caucus County

Spicewood, TX

I OPPOSE BB 1217. What is the intent of this bill? Answer—it is a masqueraded attempt to confuse and discourage voters. It is a blatant attempt to undermine and make much more cumbersome the job and duties of election officials and administrators. This bill is particularly targeting urban counties where large number of Democratic inclined voters reside. The purpose of this bill is to undermine elections and suppress voters. And U know it Rep Swanson! How can you be so cowardly?

Bethany Johnson

Self, professor

Austin, TX

I am writing in support of House Bill 1217. This bill supports and strengthens free, fair, inclusive and accessible elections, which are crucial to a healthy democracy. Thank you.

Taylor Trevino

self - organizer

Austin, TX

I strongly urge Representatives to oppose this bill. Texas ought to be making it easier for people to exercise their right to vote, instead of making it harder by needlessly limiting voting hours and locations.

Kathy Haigler

Self - election consultant

Dale, TX

We keep trying to bring more consistency across the counties, and this bill does that. What was intended to allow more flexibility-allowing counties to choose which 12 hours they wanted to vote in Early Voting between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.- became abused by HARRIS COUNTY when they scheduled voting hours from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., making the polls open 16 hours a day. They justified this by saying 16 hours WAS “at least 12 hours”. Please be sure the language specifies “no more, and no less than 12 hours” so that no one can override the intent.

Removing the bracketing brings more consistency across the state. It’s a good bill and I support it. Thank you, Rep. Swanson!