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Please be advised that I oppose any temporary rules that would extend emergency powers to the State Board of Elections in the midst of any type of epidemic or pandemic.

My first concern is that this could potentially represent an invitation for mischief and fraud.

My second concern is that this is an attempt to avoid having the General Assembly review these new rules.

There is no compelling need to allow these temporary rules to be enacted. Any voter who cannot go to the polls, or who is fearful of doing so, may request an absentee ballot. The Board of Elections has plenty of time to assure that the polling places are staffed with people who are not at risk of severe complications due to COVID-19.

Thank you.

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