

*From time to time, we'll amplify messages from our partner organizations fighting the same anti-democracy battles. This one is from Democracy NC:*

Last week, the North Carolina General Assembly filed hundreds of bills in a time famously known as “Crossover Week”, a deadline written into our state legislature that ensures any bills, without an appropriation or finance provision, can pass in one chamber and be sent to the other.

Included in the frenzy is [anti-voter House Bill 782](#), deemed the “Elections Certainty Act.” This bill eliminates a long-standing provision that protects absentee voters from mail delays. If passed, absentee ballots that are voted by Election Day, but received after 5 PM on Election Day, are tossed in the trash.

[Take Action Now and send a message to your N.C. House Representative demanding they vote “NO” on HB 782 and protect our freedom to vote by mail.](#)

If this bill were in effect in 2020, 11,000+ ballots cast by mail would have been discarded, silencing thousands of voices. While that might not seem like much, every vote counted impacts tight races across the political spectrum. For example, the 2020 statewide race for NC Supreme Court Chief Justice was ultimately decided by less than 600 votes.

1+ million North Carolinians voted by mail in the 2020 General Election, showcasing how powerful accessible voting options are for many across the political spectrum.

Why should lawmakers overturn long-standing election protections only to build barriers for voters who vote by mail— mainly working families, homebound older adults, and those with disabilities?

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