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AARP Montana

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Representative Larry Jent, Chair
House State Administration Committee

Support of SB 302

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, I am Joy Bruck, Volunteer Advocate for AARP Montana representing 143,000 members in Montana.

AARP supports SB 302. We believe it will ease the voting process for everyone including the elderly and aging in our state.

Above all, we want you to know that we are proud of the older generations of Montanans who are some of the most faithful and regular voters. Aging Montanans believe voting is an extremely important right and whatever reforms that can be made to make voting more accessible is a very good thing. The changes to absentee requirements, registration requirements, the testing of new voting systems to insure their reliability, and making sure there is a paper trail when needed can only enhance voting for everyone.

AARP Vote has for years worked to assist those who are physically unable to get their absentee application into the mail or to the Clerk's Office. We understand the concern about fraud and loss of applications, but strongly support changes that will allow our volunteers to help people with physical limitations vote.

Therefore, we encourage you to support SB 302. Thanks you for the opportunity to testify today.

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