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TO: Members of the House State Administration Committee
FROM: Bill Roberts, AARP Montana
RE: Opposition to HB 200

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee for the record I am Bill Roberts, a volunteer advocate with AARP Montana, an organization with about 155,000 members in this state. AARP believes that our election laws should encourage participation and opposes HB 200's unfair restrictions.

I have served as an Election Judge for many years and I have never served in the precinct I vote in. Restricting the requirements on Election Judges will only make it harder for our Clerks and Recorders to staff the polls, and they already struggle to find enough election judges. Implementing this statute could force the consolidation of polls and would discourage people from participating in part of the voting process.

Many seniors vote by absentee because it is easy, necessary and efficient. By restricting who can deliver absentee ballots would take this option away from this important group of voters. For many reasons, seniors need to rely on their friends or family to help them and they won't be able to anymore. We also must point, out there has been no documented cases of fraud with absentee ballot delivery.

HB 200 puts into place unfair restrictions that again are making it more difficult for Montanans to participate in the election process. We urge you to oppose HB 200.