

From: [Gannon, Patrick](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: NC SBE Ticket [#NCSBE-85213] Changed
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 9:26:08 AM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

From: Incident.SEIMS@ncsbe.gov <Incident.SEIMS@ncsbe.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 9:05 AM
To: Gannon, Patrick <Patrick.Gannon@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: NC SBE Ticket [#NCSBE-85213] Changed

The following NC SBE Ticket has been changed.

Change Details:

NCSBE-85213 | FW: [External] Signature Verification On Absentee Ballots

Field Name	Changed From	Changed To
Workflow Step	Assigned - Intake	Assigned - Communications
Assigned To	Intake Team	Communications Team

NCSBE-85213 | FW: [External] Signature Verification On Absentee Ballots

Workflow Step	Assigned - Communications
Assigned To	Communications Team

See email below

Kalila J.
Operations Support Specialist



From: Robert Waldrop <rdubaya1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2022 12:26 PM

To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>

Subject: [External] Signature Verification On Absentee Ballots

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To whom it may concern,

I just learned of the proposed requirement to compare signatures on absentee ballots to the signature on file at local BOE's.

This is a foolish attempt to make it easier to discard ballots and make voting more difficult.

My own signature changes nearly every time I sign something and has changed dramatically over the years. Today's signature would likely not match that on file.

I am an early voting site manager and a chief judge in Chatham County and as a result, sit in on and participate in several functions involving the board after elections to confirm accurate voting. We recently audited ballots and mail in votes for one of our precincts as part of the vote verification. I can only imagine the difficulty and burden you place on us and board members to make signature comparisons.

What happens if a person's ability to write degrades? Their vote no longer counts?

This is not needed in NC based on my inside knowledge of how our system works and will result in wasted time, money and cancelled votes.

Sincerely,
Robert Paul Waldrop
Chief Judge - North Williams Precinct
Chatham County
261 Henley Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27517
919-306-2243

Description

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From: [Gannon, Patrick](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: NC SBE Ticket [#NCSBE-85214] Changed
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 9:26:25 AM

From: Incident.SEIMS@ncsbe.gov <Incident.SEIMS@ncsbe.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 9:05 AM
To: Gannon, Patrick <Patrick.Gannon@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: NC SBE Ticket [#NCSBE-85214] Changed

The following NC SBE Ticket has been changed.

Change Details:

NCSBE-85214 FW: [External] Signature Verification for Absentee Votes		
Field Name	Changed From	Changed To
Workflow Step	Assigned - Intake	Assigned - Communications
Assigned To	Intake Team	Communications Team

NCSBE-85214 FW: [External] Signature Verification for Absentee Votes	
Workflow Step	Assigned - Communications
Assigned To	Communications Team
See email below	
Kalila J. Operations Support Specialist	
-----Original Message----- From: Bob < rdthomason7@gmail.com > Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2022 1:07 PM To: SVC_SBOE.Elections < Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov >	

Description

Subject: [External] Signature Verification for Absentee Votes

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This proposal is ridiculous. My current signature looks nothing like whatever I signed a couple of years ago. It's just another scam designed specifically to hurt Democrats. Please kill it. We need more participation in Democracy not less.

Bob Thomason
Charlotte, NC

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [Gannon, Patrick](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: NC SBE Ticket [#NCSBE-85215] Changed
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 9:25:54 AM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

From: Incident.SEIMS@ncsbe.gov <Incident.SEIMS@ncsbe.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 9:08 AM
To: Gannon, Patrick <Patrick.Gannon@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: NC SBE Ticket [#NCSBE-85215] Changed

The following NC SBE Ticket has been changed.

Change Details:

NCSBE-85215 | FW: [External] NC Republican Party filing for a "Declaratory Ruling" re absentee ballots

Field Name	Changed From	Changed To
Workflow Step	Assigned - Intake	Assigned - Communications
Assigned To	Intake Team	Communications Team

NCSBE-85215 | FW: [External] NC Republican Party filing for a "Declaratory Ruling" re absentee ballots

Workflow Step	Assigned - Communications
Assigned To	Communications Team

See email below

Kalila J.

Operations Support Specialist



From: Dave Streifford <streif411@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2022 4:40 PM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] NC Republican Party filing for a "Declaratory Ruling" re absentee ballots

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Description

I must first apologize for not knowing the proper way to address this issue. When I read about it I was shocked!

Beyond the obvious attempt by one party to greatly diminish the number of absentee ballots to be counted as accepted and official, there are numerous problems with the so-called review process. Asking a Republican monitor to compare the signature of a request for an absentee ballot with the signature on the return envelope is, prima facie, problematic and certainly fraught with errors of judgment.

1. Signatures change over time. This is obvious and well known.
2. The entire process presupposes falsified absentee ballots.
3. Who selects the person to compare signatures?
4. How does the monitor pre-qualify as an expert in handwriting?
5. What provisions are made for appeal and how soon after the "decision"?

I hope whoever receives these objections to this declaratory ruling will direct it to the appropriate person.

Many thanks,

David Streifford
801 Allforth Place
Cary, NC 27519

919-423-8104

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From: [Gannon, Patrick](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: NC SBE Ticket [#NCSBE-85226] Changed
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 11:14:28 AM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

From: Incident.SEIMS@ncsbe.gov <Incident.SEIMS@ncsbe.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 10:51 AM
To: Gannon, Patrick <Patrick.Gannon@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: NC SBE Ticket [#NCSBE-85226] Changed

The following NC SBE Ticket has been changed.

Change Details:

NCSBE-85226 | FW: [External] NC GOP Absentee Ballot Change Request

Field Name	Changed From	Changed To
Workflow Step	Assigned - Intake	Assigned - Communications
Assigned To	Intake Team	Communications Team

Field Name	Changed To
	See email below

Kalila J.
Operations Support Specialist



From: Jann Kilgo <jannkilgo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 10:10 AM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] NC GOP Absentee Ballot Change Request

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Dear Board Members:

I vehemently oppose the NC Republican Party request

Description

for a declaratory ruling that would authorize county boards of elections to compare signatures on absentee ballot requests forms, and return envelopes. I understand the signatures would be compared to a voter's ***original voter registration documents***.

My 93-year old mother's signature has drastically changed from the time she registered to vote as a 20-something year old. This is due to arthritis in her hands and eyesight issues. While I do not agree with her political preferences, she would be devastated if her vote did not count because she could not sign her name as well now as she did when she was in her 20's. I am certain the signature of my mother's 100-year old sister looks different now than when she first voted, also.

This is age discrimination and the NC Republican Party should be shamed by it.

Sincerely,
Janice Kilgo
7723 Surreywood Place
Charlotte, NC 28270
jannkilgo@yahoo.com

NCSBE-85226 | FW: [External] NC GOP Absentee Ballot Change Request

Workflow Step	Assigned - Communications
Assigned To	Communications Team
See email below Kalila J. Operations Support Specialist  From: Jann Kilgo <jannkilgo@yahoo.com> Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 10:10 AM To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov> Subject: [External] NC GOP Absentee Ballot Change Request CAUTION: External email. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify. Send all suspicious email as an attachment to Report Spam. Dear Board Members:	

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Charlotte, NC 28270
jannkilgo@yahoo.com

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From: [Gannon, Patrick](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: NC SBE Ticket [#NCSBE-85252] Changed
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 9:39:55 AM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

From: Incident.SEIMS@ncsbe.gov <Incident.SEIMS@ncsbe.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 8:20 AM
To: Gannon, Patrick <Patrick.Gannon@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: NC SBE Ticket [#NCSBE-85252] Changed

The following NC SBE Ticket has been changed.

Change Details:

NCSBE-85252 FW: [External] Signature verifications are needed in absentee ballots.		
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Workflow Step	Assigned - Intake	Assigned - Communications
Assigned To	Intake Team	Communications Team
Field Name	Changed To	
Description	See email below	
	Kalila J. Operations Support Specialist  From: Evan Stanfield <evan_stanfield@hotmail.com> Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 10:09 PM To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov> Subject: [External] Signature verifications are needed in absentee ballots. CAUTION: External email. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify. Send all suspicious email as an attachment to Report Spam. To whom it may concern,	

I would like for there to be signature verification on every absentee ballot in the state of North Carolina. People who request an absentee ballot should be required to sign the envelopes and the inside of the ballots for proof of identification.

We also need notaries who can verify these signatures of the absentee ballots so there is accurate verification of these signed absentee ballots for those who are unable to vote on election day. We can even have notaries who can make house visits for citizens who are unable to get out of their homes. I hope you will consider making this happen for future elections here in North Carolina.

Evan from Wake County.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

NCSBE-85252 | FW: [External] Signature verifications are needed in absentee ballots.

Workflow Step Assigned - Communications

Assigned To Communications Team

See email below

Kalila J.

Operations Support Specialist



From: Evan Stanfield <evan_stanfield@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 10:09 PM

To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>

Subject: [External] Signature verifications are needed in absentee ballots.

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From: [Gannon, Patrick](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: NC SBE Ticket [#NCSBE-85254] Changed
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 9:40:04 AM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

From: Incident.SEIMS@ncsbe.gov <Incident.SEIMS@ncsbe.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 8:19 AM
To: Gannon, Patrick <Patrick.Gannon@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: NC SBE Ticket [#NCSBE-85254] Changed

The following NC SBE Ticket has been changed.

Change Details:

NCSBE-85254 FW: [External] Support Absentee by mail Signature Verification		
Field Name	Changed From	Changed To
Workflow Step	Assigned - Intake	Assigned - Communications
Assigned To	Intake Team	Communications Team
Field Name	Changed To	
Description	See email below	
	Kalila J. Operations Support Specialist  From: Jennifer Zima <jend2281@hotmail.com> Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 7:12 PM To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov> Subject: [External] Support Absentee by mail Signature Verification CAUTION: External email. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify. Send all suspicious email as an attachment to Report Spam. Help there, to whom it may concern- I'd like to voice my support for signature verification on Absentee by mails.	

Thank you,
Jen Zima

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NCSBE-85254 | FW: [External] Support Absentee by mail Signature Verification

Workflow Step Assigned - Communications

Assigned To Communications Team

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Kalila J.
Operations Support Specialist



Description

From: Jennifer Zima <jend2281@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 7:12 PM

To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>

Subject: [External] Support Absentee by mail Signature Verification

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Thank you,
Jen Zima

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From: [Gannon, Patrick](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: NC SBE Ticket [#NCSBE-85265] Changed
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 11:06:48 AM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

From: Incident.SEIMS@ncsbe.gov <Incident.SEIMS@ncsbe.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 11:06 AM
To: Gannon, Patrick <Patrick.Gannon@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: NC SBE Ticket [#NCSBE-85265] Changed

The following NC SBE Ticket has been changed.

Change Details:

NCSBE-85265 FW: [External] Absentee by mail signature verification		
Field Name	Changed From	Changed To
Workflow Step	Assigned - Intake	Assigned - Communications
Assigned To	Intake Team	Communications Team
Field Name	Changed To	
Description	See email below	
	Kalila J. Operations Support Specialist  From: Donna Moore <mwannon@aol.com> Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 9:43 AM To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov> Subject: [External] Absentee by mail signature verification CAUTION: External email. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify. Send all suspicious email as an attachment to Report Spam. To whom it may concern,	

Voter Integrity is crucial to NC! Mail in Absentee Ballots: need voter signature and 2 witnesses or notary. Do NOT eliminate this important law!

Thank You,
Donna Moore

NCSBE-85265 | FW: [External] Absentee by mail signature verification

Workflow Step Assigned - Communications

Assigned To Communications Team

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Kalila J.
Operations Support Specialist



Description

From: Donna Moore <mwannod@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 9:43 AM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Absentee by mail signature verification

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From: [Gannon, Patrick](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: NC SBE Ticket [#NCSBE-85266] Changed
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 11:08:58 AM
Attachments: [ATT00001.bin](#)

From: Incident.SEIMS@ncsbe.gov <Incident.SEIMS@ncsbe.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 11:06 AM
To: Gannon, Patrick <Patrick.Gannon@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: NC SBE Ticket [#NCSBE-85266] Changed

The following NC SBE Ticket has been changed.

Change Details:

NCSBE-85266 FW: [External] Mail in voting		
Field Name	Changed From	Changed To
Workflow Step	Assigned - Intake	Assigned - Communications
Assigned To	Intake Team	Communications Team
Field Name	Changed To	
Description	See email below	
	Kalila J. Operations Support Specialist 	
	From: Alan Hymowitz < butlerthreed@gmail.com > Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 10:33 AM To: SVC_SBOE.Elections < Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov > Subject: [External] Mail in voting	
	CAUTION: External email. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify. Send all suspicious email as an attachment to Report Spam .	
	I am messaging you to let you know that I am opposed to signature matching on envelopes for mail in voting. Signatures change over time, and that is due to many reasons. A previously broken hand can cause an untrained person to wrongly toss a ballot for improper signature. Arthritis can change a signature.	

Bar coding or QR codes would be a convenient match that takes away all subjective determination. Cursive writing, not being practiced as it was many years ago, is another reason that matches may differ.
Please make sure this idea goes to the garbage can.
Thank you,
Alan Hymowitz

NCSBE-85266 | FW: [External] Mail in voting

Workflow Step Assigned - Communications

Assigned To Communications Team

See email below

Kalila J.
Operations Support Specialist



From: Alan Hymowitz <butlerthreed@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 10:33 AM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Mail in voting

Description

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From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External]
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 8:24:36 AM

See email below

Kalila J.

Operations Support Specialist



From: Kenneth Bishop Jr <debbieskip4@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 10:26 PM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External]

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All voting should be in person with proper identification. All the money being spent to prevent, investigate, and eradicate voter fraud would be better spent by actually visiting those people who request it (instead of requesting a "mail-in" ballot). This would be immune to any deception and would probably be more cost effective.

Thank you,

Kenneth Bishop, Jr

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External]
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 2:30:41 PM

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Kalila J.

Operations Support Specialist



From: Kathy Hurley <kathyhurley070@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 12:25 PM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External]

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In regards to the Absentee Ballots
Matching Signature Debate, I understand that this is the last day
07/05/2022...To make my voice heard by my NC Statehouse...

With all due respect, Absentee
Ballot Signatures Should Inequivically and Absolutely Be Checked and Verified With Signatures On
The Registration Forms...

Why is the verification process
Of Absentee Ballot Signatures be
such a Problem or Argument?...
Both Democrat and Republican
Party Members should Want and
Ask For This Verification Process
In Order To Maintain and Assure
North Carolinians Throughout Our
GREAT STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
THAT:

- 1: Guaranteed Free and
Fair Elections For
Every Legal N.C.Citizen
- 2: Guaranteed That Every Legal
Vote Be Legally
Counted and Legally
Cast, without Interference

Or Coercion, From Outside
Influences Pertaining To
The Legal Voting System
Of North Carolina

3: Guaranteed That Every Single

Legal North Carolinians'

Be Properly and Legally

Represented by Thier

Dully-Elected Legislators

As Promised and Adhered

To By and In Both

The UNITED STATES

CONSTITUTION

ALSO BEING PLEDGED

BY THE

NORTH CAROLINA

CONSTITUTION

....Thank You

For You Service To

Our Great State &

The United States of

America

Voice, Opinions and Thoughts

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] 2022 Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 8:19:34 AM
Attachments: [Letter to NCSBE re Public Comment on May 14 2022 GOP Request.pdf](#)

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Kalila J.
Operations Support Specialist



From: Zachary Morrison <zmorrison@elias.law>
Sent: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 5:00 PM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Cc: Love, Katelyn <Katelyn.Love@ncsbe.gov>; Uzoma Nkwonta <unkwonta@elias.law>; Jacquelyn Lopez <jlopez@elias.law>; Chris Dodge <cdodge@elias.law>
Subject: [External] 2022 Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting

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Hi,

Please see attached a public comment on signature verification on behalf of the North Carolina Alliance of Retired Americans. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Zach

Zachary P. Morrison
[Elias Law Group LLP](#)
(202) 968-4672
(he/him)

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From: [Bell, Karen B](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Absentee Ballots Signatures
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 1:58:29 PM

Karen Brinson Bell, CERA, PMP

Executive Director, NCSBE
(919) 814-0700



From: Mike Hoffman <hoffmanm679@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 12:58 PM
To: Bell, Karen B <Karen.Bell@ncsbe.gov>
Cc: Vickie Sawyer <Vickie.Sawyer@ncleg.net>; Jeff McNelley <Jeffrey.McNeely@ncleg.gov>;
SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Absentee Ballots Signatures

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Ms Bell:

The NC law must be followed. 1) Absentee voter name and signature. 2 Two witnesses signatures or notary to attest that the voter completed their ballot

Sincerely

Michael A. Hoffman
Statesville
VPN 9835493
Precinct BE

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Absentee Ballots Signatures
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 2:40:51 PM

FYI

Regards,

Christopher Elliott
Operations Support Supervisor



Christopher.Elliott@ncsbe.gov

From: Mike Hoffman <hoffmanm679@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 12:58 PM
To: Bell, Karen B <Karen.Bell@ncsbe.gov>
Cc: Vickie Sawyer <Vickie.Sawyer@ncleg.net>; Jeff McNelley <Jeffrey.McNeely@ncleg.gov>;
SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Absentee Ballots Signatures

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From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Absentee Ballots
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 8:42:41 AM

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Kalila J.

Operations Support Specialist



From: Smile Often <afacetocallhome02@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2022 1:08 PM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Absentee Ballots

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To Whom it may concern:

I read on your website, absentee voting will now require 1) a notary or 2) Two witnesses of your signature.

I shook my head in disgust over this requirement! This smells of a GOP backed plan to suppress voters. I can only hope this is written in LARGE RED LETTERING MARKING THIS CHANGE!!!
If not, I feel sure, a lot of votes will be thrown out if someone misses this change...how convenient for the GOP!

Shame on all of you for reducing this board to a bunch of people that are not using common sense. Ask yourselves, How many years have we been using Absentee Balloting vs Amount of fraudulent ballots. You'll find a very low number when you do the math!

I am going to be a volunteer to witness absentee ballots! We The People are ANGRY and will be legally navigating this stupidity!!

Dr. Cynthia Tyson
540 New Waverly Place, Suite 301
Cary, NC 27518

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Absentee by mail signature verification
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 11:44:30 AM

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Kalila J.

Operations Support Specialist



From: Donna Moore <mwannod@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 9:43 AM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Absentee by mail signature verification

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To whom it may concern,

Voter Integrity is crucial to NC! Mail in Absentee Ballots: need voter signature and 2 witnesses or notary. Do NOT eliminate this important law!

Thank You,
Donna Moore

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Anti-democratic voter hurdles proposed
Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:50:50 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: David Moore <drmoore2005@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:54 PM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Anti-democratic voter hurdles proposed

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It is time to clamp down on anti/democratic attempts to make voting more difficult. There is no evidence that there is any significant problem here so let's call these attempts what they are and move on.

Dave Moore
Cary

Sent from my iPhone

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Comment
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 8:43:28 AM

See email below

Kalila J.
Operations Support Specialist

-----Original Message-----

From: Vivienne Jacobson <viviennejacobson@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2022 3:43 PM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Comment

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I am strogly against the new proposal requiring election officials to compare signatures and throw out those where the signature does not look to be the same. I am elderly and my signature changes all the time and you are proposing disenfranchising many of my friends with the same problem I heartly oppose this measure and hope it will not go through

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Mail in voting
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 11:44:39 AM

See email below

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From: Alan Hymowitz <butlerthreed@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 10:33 AM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Mail in voting

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I am messaging you to let you know that I am opposed to signature matching on envelopes for mail in voting. Signatures change over time, and that is due to many reasons. A previously broken hand can cause an untrained person to wrongly toss a ballot for improper signature. Arthritis can change a signature.

Bar coding or QR codes would be a convenient match that takes away all subjective determination. Cursive writing, not being practiced as it was many years ago, is another reason that matches may differ.

Please make sure this idea goes to the garbage can.

Thank you,

Alan Hymowitz

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Mail-in ballot certification
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 8:35:23 AM

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From: Jacqueline McLaughlin <jjcmclaughlin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 6:07 PM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Mail-in ballot certification

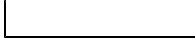
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I understand the SBOE is taking public comments on the state board having counties utilize signature matching to scrutinize absentee ballot requests and absentee ballot return envelopes, a practice that's done in 27 other states, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

I am all in favor of this. It's high time we took steps to ensure that votes are legitimate. I also am absolutely appalled that we are not required to provide a legitimate ID when voting in person. There is absolutely no reason for not requiring these steps for voting integrity. It's time to protect the integrity of the process.

Jacqueline McLaughlin
Resident of Waynesville, NC
210-364-7868

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Jacque McLaughlin
Strategic Wellness Solutions
<http://jacquemclaughlin.com>
email: jacque@jacquemclaughlin.com
phone: 210-364-7868

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] NC GOP Absenttee Ballot Change Request
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 11:42:58 AM

See email below

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From: Jann Kilgo <jannkilgo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 10:10 AM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] NC GOP Absenttee Ballot Change Request

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Dear Board Members:

I vehemently oppose the NC Republican Party request for a declaratory ruling that would authorize county boards of elections to compare signatures on absentee ballot requests forms, and return envelopes. I understand the signatures would be compared to a voter's ***original voter registration documents***.

My 93-year old mother's signature has drastically changed from the time she registered to vote as a 20-something year old. This is due to arthritis in her hands and eyesight issues. While I do not agree with her political preferences, she would be devastated if her vote did not count because she could not sign her name as well now as she did when she was in her 20's. I am certain the signature of my mother's 100-year old sister looks different now than when she first voted, also.

This is age discrimination and the NC Republican Party should be shamed by it.

Sincerely,
Janice Kilgo
7723 Surreywood Place
Charlotte, NC 28270
jannkilgo@yahoo.com

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] NC NAACP Signature Verification Response
Date: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 9:01:16 AM
Attachments: [NC NAACP Signature Verification Letter.pdf](#)

See email below

Kalila J.
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From: Ashley Mitchell <amitchell@forwardjustice.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 9:56 PM
To: Bell, Karen B <Karen.Bell@ncsbe.gov>; Love, Katelyn <Katelyn.Love@ncsbe.gov>;
SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Cc: Caitlin Swain <cswain@forwardjustice.org>; Kathleen Roblez <kroblez@forwardjustice.org>;
Joyner, Irving <ijoyner@ncsu.edu>; presidentncnaacp@gmail.com
Subject: [External] NC NAACP Signature Verification Response

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Greetings North Carolina State Board of Elections,

Attached is the North Carolina NAACP's letter in response to the May 14, 2022 request for a declaratory ruling on signature verification by the North Carolina Republican Party. In addition to this email, we have also submitted a form on the public comment page. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ashley Mitchell
Attorney/Legal Fellow
Forward Justice
400 W Main St, Suite 203
Durham, NC 27701

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Outer Envelope Signature
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 3:35:12 PM

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From: Holly Koerber <hkmessages@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 1:10 PM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Outer Envelope Signature

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Dear Board of Election Members,

I am writing today in support of the NCGOP's position. Depriving the county boards of elections of the basic tool of matching signatures, is not only wrong, it undermines the integrity of our elections. Signature matching is a crucial safeguard to ensure that North Carolina's elections are free and that only legal votes count. North Carolina law requires that absentee request forms and return envelopes be signed by the voter, so it follows that the county boards should be able to use all resources at their disposal to verify that signatures are those of the voter. As a North Carolina voter, I implore you to rise above partisan games and issue a written opinion allowing county board members to compare signatures on absentee requests and absentee return envelopes.

Respectfully,

Holly Koerber

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Please don't change voting laws
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 2:49:26 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Loretta Zedella <yogawithloretta@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 1:35 PM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Please don't change voting laws

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Please keep laws as they are to ensure safe voting.
Thank you,
Loretta

Loretta Zedella
LorettaZedella.com

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:26:22 AM

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From: Gary Austin <glaustin001@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 8:47 PM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting

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SBOE:

Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because there is simply no other way to know which “votes” are legitimate and which are bogus.

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter’s signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter’s signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to “exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter.”

Thank you for your consideration.

Gary L. Austin

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Reject changes to signature requirement
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 3:57:03 PM

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From: Jane Wettach <janewettach@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 3:40 PM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Reject changes to signature requirement

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I am completely opposed to the proposal that would allow an election worker to reject absentee ballots based on a signature comparison. Implementation of such a rule would invite subjectivity and bias into the process. Thus seems like an attempt to allow for the rejection of legitimate votes. This rule should be rejected.

Jane Wettach
Durham voter

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Response to Republican request re signatures on absentee ballots
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 1:17:21 PM

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From: Sherry Appel <sherryappel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 12:54 PM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Response to Republican request re signatures on absentee ballots

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On June 19, the Raleigh News and Observer ran an editorial regarding a request to the NCSBE for additional scrutiny of signatures on absentee ballot forms and return envelopes. According to this article, the Board is taking public comment through July 5 on this request.

I am writing in **strong opposition** to the change that the NC Republican Party is asking for. Not only is it unnecessary but it will act to disenfranchise many voters, possibly including myself. I am a five-year resident of Hillsborough, NC, and one of my first acts was to register to vote, a right I hold dearly. But I have to ask, what name did I use when I registered? Did I use my full name, including my middle initial or full name? Did I include in my full name my maiden name or middle initial? Did I include a middle initial at all? Or did I use the diminutive that people call me? All of these names are ones I use for various important documents such as wills, deeds, credit cards, etc. Or for more informal ones. How would I remember which? And would my signature (the writing, not the wording) change over time as I age?

No need has been established for this requested change. Evidence of voter "fraud" is slim; evidence of voter "mistakes" while still slim may be more common but are not intentional nor are they fraudulent.

As I understand it, your mission is to ensure elections are conducted lawfully and fairly. Clearly not everyone exercises their right to vote but this right should not be made more difficult because someone's handwriting or wording isn't an exact match, especially if all the other information is correct. It is extremely disheartening that one party continues to try and deprive honest North Carolinians of their right to vote.

Thank you for your consideration of my view. Please let me know what process will be used to adjudicate this matter. I found no reference on your website.

Best wishes, Sherry (Sharon C.) Appel, Hillsborough, NC

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Restrictions on Mail in Ballots
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 11:44:16 AM

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From: Ellen Kerrigan <ellenkerrigan@ymail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 8:25 AM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Restrictions on Mail in Ballots

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Dear Madam or Sir:

I do not want more restrictions on mail in ballots for several reasons, the least which being the resurgence of COVID. Especially since this is backed by Republicans who have been proven to participate in election fraud in District 9. This is additional restriction to mail in ballots is just making it more difficult for people who work hard, are handicapped, out of town, or ill.

Ellen Lamp
NC District 9 Voter.

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Signature Verification On Absentee Ballots
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 11:42:09 AM

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Kalila J.

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From: Robert Waldrop <rdubaya1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2022 12:26 PM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Signature Verification On Absentee Ballots

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To whom it may concern,

I just learned of the proposed requirement to compare signatures on absentee ballots to the signature on file at local BOE's.

This is a foolish attempt to make it easier to discard ballots and make voting more difficult.

My own signature changes nearly every time I sign something and has changed dramatically over the years. Today's signature would likely not match that on file.

I am an early voting site manager and a chief judge in Chatham County and as a result, sit in on and participate in several functions involving the board after elections to confirm accurate voting. We recently audited ballots and mail in votes for one of our precincts as part of the vote verification. I can only imagine the difficulty and burden you place on us and board members to make signature comparisons.

What happens if a person's ability to write degrades? Their vote no longer counts?

This is not needed in NC based on my inside knowledge of how our system works and will result in wasted time, money and cancelled votes.

Sincerely,
Robert Paul Waldrop

Chief Judge - North Williams Precinct
Chatham County
261 Henley Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27517
919-306-2243

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Signature Verification for Absentee Votes
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 11:42:30 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bob <rdthomason7@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2022 1:07 PM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Signature Verification for Absentee Votes

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This proposal is ridiculous. My current signature looks nothing like whatever I signed a couple of years ago. It's just another scam designed specifically to hurt Democrats. Please kill it. We need more participation in Democracy not less.

Bob Thomason
Charlotte, NC

Sent from my iPhone

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Signature Verification on Absentee Ballots
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 8:43:03 AM
Importance: Low

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From: Carl Mischka <carlmischka@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2022 2:00 PM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Cc: Carl Mischka <Carl@mischka.us>; Sarah Benischek <sarahbenischek@gmail.com>; Dave Wickersham <wickerdl@twc.com>; Michael Whatley <michael.whatley@ncgop.org>; Harold Eustache <harold.eustache@gmail.com>; Philip Thomas <philip.thomas@ncgop.org>
Subject: [External] Signature Verification on Absentee Ballots
Importance: Low

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Director Bell and Others,

This is intended to be part of the Public Comments on your Numbered Memo 2020-15.

“ I do not think the instructions in this memo have any basis in law and further believe that local Boards of Election should use every legal means at their disposal to verify and authenticate all ballots, especially those cast as Absentee Ballots to eliminate potential or the perception of voter fraud.”

If given the opportunity to argue this point-of-view in person I am more than willing to come to Raleigh to do so. Than you.

Carl Edward Mischka
5025 Clubhouse Drive
New Bern, NC 28562
252-626-8199

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Gannon, Patrick](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Signature verification on ballot request forms & completed envelope.
Date: Friday, June 10, 2022 1:35:16 PM

From: David Morgan <morgan.davidlmorgan@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2022 1:34 PM
To: Gannon, Patrick <Patrick.Gannon@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Signature verification on ballot request forms & completed envelope.

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I support signature verification on both the ballot request form and completed ballot envelope submission to add an extra layer of security to our North Carolina elections.

David L Morgan

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Signature verification
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 10:41:52 AM

Please see email

Regards,

Christopher Elliott
Operations Support Supervisor



From: Pam Evans <pamevans3072@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 10:12 AM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Signature verification

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The purpose of this email is to request that signatures on absentee ballots be verified by NCBOE staff. This will ensure that voters aren't completing multiple ballots and aren't voting under the name of someone who is deceased or otherwise unable to vote. Voters can easily get their signatures notarized prior to submitting their ballot. If the signature hasn't been notarized prior to submitting the ballot, electronic signatures can be submitted via email if in-person verification isn't possible.

Thank you.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Signature verifications are needed in absentee ballots.
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 11:44:06 AM

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Kalila J.

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From: Evan Stanfield <evan_stanfield@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 10:09 PM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Signature verifications are needed in absentee ballots.

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To whom it may concern,

I would like for there to be signature verification on every absentee ballot in the state of North Carolina. People who request an absentee ballot should be required to sign the envelopes and the inside of the ballots for proof of identification.

We also need notaries who can verify these signatures of the absentee ballots so there is accurate verification of these signed absentee ballots for those who are unable to vote on election day. We can even have notaries who can make house visits for citizens who are unable to get out of their homes. I hope you will consider making this happen for future elections here in North Carolina.

Evan from Wake County.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Support Absentee by mail Signature Verification
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 11:43:40 AM

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Kalila J.

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From: Jennifer Zima <jend2281@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 7:12 PM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Support Absentee by mail Signature Verification

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Help there, to whom it may concern-
I'd like to voice my support for signature verification on Absentee by mails.

Thank you,
Jen Zima

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From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Voter ID and matches signatures
Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 11:32:26 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: April <aprilrc4@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 10:12 AM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Voter ID and matches signatures

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This should not even be a question.. it should be mandatory in every state. Voter fraud is real ..

God is good all the time!
April Crawford

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Voter Security
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 8:42:06 AM

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Kalila J.

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From: poteatmk <poteatmk@protonmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2022 10:40 AM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Voter Security

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In order to have a more secure election and no repeats of the 2020 election I am requesting that in addition to the law that requires absentee voter to confirm their identity by having two witnesses or a notary attest that voter completed their ballot but to also make additional or add to law to allow county boards of elections to compare signature on absentee document with the voters signature on their voter registration documents, which are kept on file with county boards. I also ask to be added or additional law be made that county boards be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container- return envelope is that of the purported voter.

Thank you for your attention and votes for this in order to secure our votes and our elections.

Respectfully,
Kimberly Poteat
Sent from Proton Mail for iOS

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Voter suppression
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 8:59:03 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: joann underwood <joann.underwood@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 4, 2022 11:31 AM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Voter suppression

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I do not want to see any more restrictions on mail in ballots. I have all my information when I registered to vote.
Joann underwood
Sent from my iPhone

From: [SVC_SBOE.Elections](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Voting by Handwriting????
Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:50:27 AM

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From: Deavours Hall <deavourshall@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 9:28 PM
To: SVC_SBOE.Elections <Elections.SBOE@ncsbe.gov>
Subject: [External] Voting by Handwriting????

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To the Board of Elections:

Under no circumstances should this Declaratory Ruling proposed by the NC Republican Party be accepted.

Access to voting is a constitutional and fundamental right of all Americans. Barriers like this will disenfranchise voters who want to participate in democracy and have their voice recognized in the election process.

I registered to vote 6 years ago and know for certain my handwriting has changed since I contracted rheumatoid arthritis.

I implore you to disregard the voting barrier proposal and make the voting process easy and accessible for all.

--Dr. Deavours Hall

From: [Gannon, Patrick](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: Fwd: Webform submission from: 2022 Public Comment Period on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:22:50 AM

This appears to be a comment about signature verification.

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Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 4:53 PM
To: Britt.Valentine@ncsbe.gov <Britt.Valentine@ncsbe.gov>; Gannon, Patrick <Patrick.Gannon@ncsbe.gov>
Cc: joyinthepubliceye@gmail.com <joyinthepubliceye@gmail.com>
Subject: Webform submission from: 2022 Public Comment Period on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting

Submitted on Mon, 06/27/2022 - 16:53

Submitted values are:

Email

joyinthepubliceye@gmail.com

Your Message

I sent a message and it said it couldn't connect to say, "Absentee ballots are perfect for the elders, those who cannot leave children or jobs, the disabled, those without transportation. Absentee voting is American. It is just. Joy Javits, Republican and Democrat.

PS. All that worry about Trump's votes is disproven because other Republicans voted for on the Absentee ballots won. He lost. Wish he would be honorable and concede gracefully.

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To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
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Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 12:42:57 PM

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I am opposed to this proposal

I wonder why this is necessary especially since it has been shown locally, statewide and nationally that this is a lie that has been circulating for over 3 decades. It's time to get real and work on real issues in NC and not wasting our time and money on chasing falsehoods that just won't die

Respectfully
Patricia M Tomac
Southport NC

Patricia M. Tomac
910-368-7769

As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same."

From: [Doreen Lagasca](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External]
Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022 2:19:01 PM

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I am not happy with the crooked way Republicans are trying to make with people's voting rights and tipping the scales in their favor.

It seems that we are going backwards and people are undoing all that is good and reversing it back to bad.

These laws should not be allowed to exist, they are in opposite of our Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

From: [Gwendolyn Lamb](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External]
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 9:28:26 AM

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I oppose the Republican Party's request to throw out absentee ballots when the signature on the absentee container-return envelope does not match the signature on the registration record. A person's signature can change over time, with age, illness, or intent for security reasons and that person will likely not think to address this change on his/her original voter registration record. Furthermore, if the absentee voter signs the container-return envelope in the presence of two witnesses or a notary, this should be sufficient to establish that the person signing is the purported person.

Respectfully submitted,
Gwendolyn H. Lamb
ghofflamb@earthlink.net

From: [Karen Isak](#)
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Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting

Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

From: 3868825002@mms.att.net
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
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I do want strict voter ID laws in Nc and all across the country. Along with everyone in my household and circle of friends and family. Vote this IN!

From: [William Simmons](#)
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Who will have the education and knowledge to compare and judge signature comparisons on a ballots ? This is just another ploy to make it harder for citizens to vote, I strongly disagree with this tactic. William R. Simmons

From: [Tim W. Buff](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External]
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 2:30:20 PM

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By all means have the signatures be validated with what's on file at Board of Elections .
If it don't match through it out and don't count the ballot .
This should already be a strictly adhered to procedure.

From: [Veronica Robertie](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] 150 B-4
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 10:12:22 AM

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The State Board's current guidance to county boards of elections is not to use signature verification in the consideration of absentee returns. Under state law, each absentee by-mail voter must have two witnesses or a notary attest that the voter completed their ballot in the witnesses' presence. Verification of the voter's identity is completed through this witness requirement.

The Republicans' request for this additional, unnecessary layer of "verification" is simply a continuation of the Big Lie — a fruitless search for nonexistent "widespread voter fraud." Their plan is to enable a subjective nullification of legitimate ballots for the purpose of disenfranchising voters with whom they disagree. I respectfully request that the State Board of Elections retain its neutrality and defeat the Republican effort to create such an artifice.

Veronica Robertie
1805 Quail Point SE
Bolivia, NC
Sent from the iPhone of Roni Robertie

From: [Chair, RockNCDems](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] 2022 Public Comment Period on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 2:52:32 PM

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On behalf of the 18K+ registered Democrats in Rockingham County, I submit this public comment to oppose the proposed additional signature requirement. Signature matching is an unreliable and discriminatory method of discarding valid votes that disproportionately impacts vulnerable voters. Research in other states has shown that ballots from Black, Indigenous, Latinx, disabled, and elderly voters are disproportionately rejected at higher rates.

Meredith Bailey (she/her/hers)

***Chair, [Rockingham County \(NC\) Democratic Party](#)**

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From: [Nancy Panko](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] A free and fair election
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 10:19:28 AM

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SUBJECT: Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting

Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because we must have free and fair elections reducing the amount of voter fraud seen in past elections in order to continue as a Democratic Republic.

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Nancy and George Panko
Wake County Residents

From: [Michael Stablein](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] ABSOLUTELY verify signatures on absentee ballots!!
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 8:47:11 AM

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From: [Jane Hopkins](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee Ballot Signature Request Comment
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 9:21:11 AM

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Subject: Absentee Ballot Signature Request Comment

Dear Members of the NCSBE:

We have reviewed our NC statute, put into place by the NC General Assembly regarding absentee ballot laws. The statute # 163-230.2 states that NC law requires Verification of Signature on Absentee Ballots. We do not think the NCSBE should consider disregarding what our General Assembly has ruled on. All North Carolina citizens votes should count equally, and if you allow a loose system of Absentee ballots to submit without proper verification, you are diluting valid citizens votes. Citizens of All parties should want only legal votes to count. Illegally submitted ones should be discarded.

There has been a lot of talk about election integrity, and our NC citizens who take the time to vote would certainly expect that care is taken so that illegal votes are not being counted.

Each absentee ballot received across the state by the NC Board of Elections should have the Signature Verification procedures described in our statute by our NC General Assembly.

Therefore, we are urging the State Board of Election to require the county Boards of Election to compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. We also strongly recommend that County Boards of Elections attach and retain all mailing envelopes, to make the case stronger, if a recount should need to be done. We appreciate you taking the time to ask for public comment on this important subject to keep our elections secure.

Thank you all for your consideration,

Mr. and Mrs. Robert B Perry (Bob Perry, Jane Hopkins)
Registered NC voters since 2006
Raleigh, NC

From: [Brad Durrell](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee Ballot Signature Scrutiny Public Comment
Date: Monday, June 13, 2022 5:00:07 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident and registered unaffiliated voter living in southeastern North Carolina, I support action to authorize county boards of elections to scrutinize voter signatures on absentee ballot request forms and absentee ballot return envelopes, to determine whether to count those ballots in North Carolina elections.

I am originally from Connecticut, and problems with absentee ballots -- especially involving senior citizens, often living in large senior facilities -- has been a problem from time to time through the years.

I support action to limit problems with absentee ballots while also working to make it easier for every North Carolina resident to vote.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Brad Durrell
3663 Battery Lane
Southport, NC 28461
860-605-8026 (voice and text)

From: [Ted Vish](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee Ballot Signature Verification
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 10:29:40 PM

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Please accept my request that the North Carolina Board of Elections issue a directive to counties and precincts across our state to confirm that the signature on every absentee ballot matches that of the signature on file of the registered voter.

Thank You,

Ted Vish
78 S Main St, Weaverville, NC 28787

From: [ladylibertyusa](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee Ballot Verification by SBOE Members
Date: Saturday, June 11, 2022 6:46:01 AM

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The recent request to add additional absentee ballot scrutiny by members of the SBOE is unnecessary. The ballots must already be verified by two witnesses or a notary republic. In addition, I do not believe the members of the SBOE have any training or expertise in verifying signatures. Do not make this change, which is aimed at voter suppression.

Karen Mallam
Siler City, NC

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From: [Don Simon](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee Ballot signature verification
Date: Monday, June 13, 2022 8:33:42 PM

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Since there is no evidence of significant voter fraud under the current system, why make changes that will only slow down the counting of votes and not add anything to the security of the system.

From: [Kaye LEMONS](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee Ballots
Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022 7:14:02 AM

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I support and endorse the verification of signature on absentee ballots by two witnesses or notary.

Kaye Lemons
4 Bennington Court
Asheville, NC 28803

From: bob@churchsquare.com
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee Voter Signature Scrutinization
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 7:46:22 AM

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Dear Member of Rule Making for the North Carolina Board of Elections,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the scrutinization of absentee ballot signatures.

I wholeheartedly urge you to do all that you can to ensure fair elections. This must include a heightened awareness of practice of absentee voter fraud and preventing it.

Much of the voting public is disillusioned with our voting system and we see many ways in which votes can be cast illegally. Considerable evidence has been revealed of illegal voter harvesting and in many states the estimates of the number of votes harvested exceeds the margin of victory in the last Presidential election.

Absentee ballot signature validation between signatures on the application, the voter registration card and the ballot would help assure that we have a freer and fairer election.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Regards –

Robert Winslow
2003 Hebron Rd.
Hendersonville, NC 28739
PH: 828-808-2035

From: [Terry Ritchey](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee Voter Signature Verification
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 8:00:06 AM

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I feel strongly that the NC Board of Elections should put stronger regulations into effect regarding Absentee Voter Signature Verification. Nothing protects our democracy more than honest and fair elections, and there should be a determined effort to make sure our election process is accurate. Further, I also think that voter I.D. at voting sites should be put into effect. There is absolutely no reason not to have that. I.D.'s are a requirement for every form of transaction, and elections should not be excluded from that.

Terry Ritchey

From: [Michael Van Tassel](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee Voters
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 11:43:26 PM

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I am in favor of this type of verification to help keep elections honest.
Michael Van Tassel

From: [T.S](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee Voting Rule Change - Public Comments
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 4:39:23 PM

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North Carolina already has a reliable system for voting absentee. Under current law, voters must have two witnesses – or a notary public – confirm their identity when casting a ballot by mail. Our state’s process for voting absentee is fair, secure and it’s proven to work.

Additionally, this change could place an unfair burden on the growing number of North Carolinians who opt to vote absentee by mail. This unnecessary “signature-match” process would look at someone’s signature on their voter registration form – possibly filled out decades before – and compare it to the voter’s current signature on their absentee ballot. That would leave it to human error and unequal standards to decide which ballots should count.

Such an unclear process could especially hurt older voters and disabled North Carolinians, whose handwriting may have changed since they registered to vote years before.

This rule change must be rejected to keep subjective partisanship out of North Carolina Elections.

From: [Leslie Scott](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Cc: [Scott Leslie](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee Voting Signature Match proposal
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 6:44:38 PM

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I write to comment on the above proposal. I strongly oppose it and here is why. I was an elections official in another state before moving here 6 years ago. North Carolina already has much more strict safeguards protecting against absentee ballot fraud than most states. The notary or 2 witness requirement would seem to me to prevent any serious attempt at fraudulent absentee voting.

Secondly, I'm now 64 years old. I do not sign my name consistently. I am not sure if I ever did but know that as I've aged I've observed how my signature varies from time to time. I do not want to be disenfranchised because of this. I feel strongly that such a requirement would disproportionately impact negatively the right to vote among the older population and those who are arthritic or suffer some other sort of disability that affects handwriting. This would be wrong.

Finally, like so many other claims that more restrictions on voting will prevent fraud, the facts are that there is very little evidence of the fraud the proposed restrictions claim to prevent. The courts and voting statistics have established that there is no significant evidence of fraud in voting that justifies this type of risk of disenfranchisement. It's a solution looking for a problem. In actuality it's a thinly veiled attempt to make voting by legal voters harder. That's not what democracy is all about.

I hope sincerely that the NCSBE will reject this proposal and retain the current requirements as to absentee voting which are plenty strict and prevent any serious attempts at fraud.

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From: mark_casoria@reagan.com
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee Voting
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 7:35:02 AM

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North Carolina law currently requires an absentee voter to confirm their identity by having two witnesses or a notary attest that the voter completed their ballot. I support the law as written and urge the implementation of signature comparison.

Count All Legal votes!

Mark Casoria

Henderson County

From: ekinnaire2@gmail.com
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee ballot signature match
Date: Saturday, July 2, 2022 2:22:07 PM

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To the North Carolina State Board of Elections:

I write to strongly object to the request from the Republican Party to authorize county boards of elections to examine signatures on absentee ballot requests and absentee ballot return envelopes. I present myself an example of why this would be an absolute barrier to my voting by absentee ballot: I am 90 years old. I first registered to vote in 1964. I can guarantee that my signature has radically changed since 1964. My current signature consists of two wavy lines whereas my signature in 1964 on my registration card (which has been lost over the years) was most likely a recognizable handwriting signature. I would be rejected outright on any comparison of my 1964 signature and my 2022 signature.

This request by Republican Party is a patent attempt to discourage voters and I urge you to deny enactment of such an onerous barrier to voting in North Carolina.

Eleanor G. Kinnaird
750 Weaver Dairy Rd. No. 123
Chapel Hill NC 27514
919-918-3432

From: [Mark Allen](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee ballot signature verification proposal
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 4:31:38 PM

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BOE,

It is with great concern that I write to you with regard to the proposed signature verification step for absentee ballots. Absentee ballots are used by many people but more importantly, extensively by the sick and elderly. Many of these people may have difficulty duplicating signatures from years prior that might be used for such an arbitrary verification. Absentee ballots already require two witnesses or notary verification. So what is the purpose of this proposed extra step? It seems clear to me the primary purpose is to disenfranchise certain groups of voters. The proposers of this rule change will argue it's about election integrity. If that is the case, I only ask for any meaningful data showing that fraudulent absentee ballots

- that would supposedly be caught by this absurd proposal - have had any statistically significant impact on any election in North Carolina. The reality is that they can produce absolutely no evidence of issues supporting this supposed needed change.

So I ask again what is the purpose? The answer is simply so certain people can disrupt the vote counting process to shed doubts about election integrity, and to cull out as many votes as possible of those with whom they disagree. I have voted absentee in the past and likely will do so again in the future. My own signature has changed substantially through the years. This rule presumably would allow people to assess my name, location, or even actual vote, and then make an arbitrary and likely biased decision as to whether or not my vote should count. We collectively need to reject the efforts of those who would appoint themselves as worthy of denying someone their most fundamental right based on their untrained, unqualified determination of signature authenticity. We have laws and processes in place which work now, please reject this transparent attempt to disenfranchise certain people.

Mark Allen
Brunswick County

From: [Julia Caldwell](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee ballot signature verification
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 9:18:58 AM

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Dear State Board of Elections and all County boards,
North Carolina citizens are questioning our election integrity. The State Board should do everything in its power to affirm and restore faith in absentee vote counting. EVERY vote counts regardless of party. The people of NC are feeling disenfranchised especially since the will of the people and legislature voted for Photo ID and Roy Cooper vetoed the bill. So, I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).

- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,
Liz Caldwell

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Cherie Poucher](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee ballot signature verification
Date: Monday, July 4, 2022 8:51:53 PM

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I was Director of Elections in Wake County from July 1991 through June 2015. We did compare the voter signature on the absentee ballot return envelope against the latest voter signature on file. We did not have to be a handwriting expert to question if the signatures were the same - even as the voter aged. If we questioned the two signatures, we printed out the last signature and attached it to the return envelope. These envelopes were brought before the Board to determine if the ballot should be denied.

As an example, a parent would apply for an absentee ballot for their son/daughter. When the envelope was returned, the signatures would not match. We would then print out the voter's last signature on file and review the signatures of the parents. By comparing those three signatures, it was fairly evident that one of the parents signed for the voter. As stated above, all that information was given to the Board for a final determination.

Any time the Board denied that absentee ballot container envelope, the voter was notified that his/her ballot was denied due to the signature not matching. The voter was told the options available for them to vote: request another absentee ballot, vote at an Early Voting site, or vote on Election Day.

Confidence in the integrity of elections is at an all-time low. By verifying signatures on the container envelope, it would give an additional layer to the integrity of the election.

I urge the State Board of Elections to give serious consideration to signature verification.

I have a difficult time also understanding why Voter ID is still in the courts. The voters in North Carolina overwhelmingly approved Voter ID when it was on the ballot.

Thank you in advance for your approval of signature verification.

Cherie Poucher

From: [David thompson](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee ballot signatures. Dishonest people who refuse to look at there own dishonesty will project it on others and be suspicious of them. David
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 11:39:19 PM

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From: [Eileen Muro](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee ballots
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Gentlemen:

Due to age and health issues, my husband and I have had to vote via Absentee Ballot for the past few years. The current State law does not call for signature verification of absentee ballots. The state law calls for 2 witnesses or a notary to attest that the person voting completed the ballot in their presence.

The Republican request for another layer of unnecessary verification is an affront to voters and just another attempt by them to prevent open and honest elections. It has been proven time and again that there was no "voter fraud". Their so called "Big Lie" is just another excuse for them to manipulate votes in their favor.

We respectfully request that the State Board of Elections remain neutral and prevent the Republican effort to defeat democracy.

Eileen A. Muro
William L. Muro
112 Woodford Rd.
Leland, NC 28451

From: [Dennis Feltz](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
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I believe all absentee ballots during elections should have their signatures verified.

Dennis Feltz
4377 gauntlet drive
Southport, NC 28461

Sent from Dennis' iPad

From: [Dennis Hughes](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee ballots.
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 2:35:52 PM

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Please keep the current absentee ballot system. I travel for business and this key to having my vote count. STOP making it harder for me and others to vote.
EVERYONE 18 and older should be allowed and encouraged to vote. Stop playing your "let's make it harder to vote" bs games

Dennis Hughes

From: [D Van Luvender](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee ballots
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Dear Representative,

I use the absentee ballot to vote. Please don't change the rules on this procedure.

Sincerely,

Doug Van Luvender

From: [Bill Gunn](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee voters
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 9:15:29 AM

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Regarding additional verification for absentee voters I fully support. All voters should provide legal identification to vote.
Respectfully submitted.

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From: [Monica Lavery](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee voting signature match discriminatory
Date: Saturday, July 2, 2022 10:21:57 AM

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Dear SBOE:

Thank you for your service to our State on the Board of Elections. I am writing to comment, expressing vehement opposition, to the proposal to institute a signature match on absentee ballots for the State of North Carolina.

My husband suffered a TBI eight years ago in a catastrophic accident. He has worked hard for years to regain the ability to write, at first with his non-dominant hand before the accident, and eventually getting back the use of his right hand as well. However, his signature does not look like it did before his accident. Comparison with his voter registration documents filled out years before the accident, would probably have his absentee ballots thrown out, forcing us to go to the polls in his wheelchair to vote. This proposal is wildly discriminatory to people with disabilities, and people of all ages.

I myself have arthritis in my hands, and eventually my signature will also look different than it once did. My sons are in college and, being young, did not even learn cursive in school, so their "signature" looks different every time they are required to use it. This is especially true for my one son who has dysgraphia, a neuro-muscular condition that, while mild, leaves his handwriting nearly impossible to read. Will my sons be able to continue to absentee vote from their college campuses? Or will they have to drive home to vote at the polls. Again, wildly discriminatory.

I urge you not to adopt this proposal. There is no evidence that it is needed to make our elections legitimate, and it would definitely discourage whole classes of people from voting. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Monica Lavery (and John Lavery)
5205 Coffeetree Drive
Raleigh, NC 27613

From: [Jerrold and Barbara Berke](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee voting signature validation
Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 9:37:57 PM

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My husband is permanently domicile in a skilled nursing facility due to advanced Parkinson's Disease. Since moving to North Carolina twenty five years ago we both have never missed voting in a primary or general election. As his spouse I applied for and received a ballot on his behalf. When the absentee voting period opened for this year's election I was happy to learn that volunteers would be available to witness and validate my husband's ballot. Because of his illness there is no way that his signature on file would match the one on his recent ballot. But because of the law allowing validation by two witnesses I felt certain his record would stand unbroken.

Please take into account the many reasons people may not be able to sign their ballots to the satisfaction of election boards. But by allowing validation by two witnesses, or a notary, these voters will not be disenfranchised.

Thank you for your consideration.

Barbara Berke
378 Carolina Meadows Villa
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

From: [Jean French-Turner](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absentee voting
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 2:52:30 PM

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The Republicans' request for this additional, unnecessary layer of "verification" with signature comparison verifacaton to nullify absentee voting will affect a disproportionate number of the elderly and disabled and is discriminatory. I oppose this proposal.

Thank you



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From: [Chris Ogden](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absolutely require signature scrutiny
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 10:00:43 AM

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I am 100% in favor that signatures are scrutinized to the fullest extent possible on all mail in ballots. Mail in ballots should only be issued upon request of a valid resident voter showing proper identification. Anyone wishing to vote must have a valid form of personal identification showing photo and signature: driver's license, passport, state issued personal identification card, etc.

Chris Ogden
50 Black Iron Lane
Hendersonville NC 28792

From: [Carol Stablein](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Absolutely verify signatures on absentee ballots
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 8:50:40 AM

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From: [Steve Whiting](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Adding signature verification for absentee ballots
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:33:35 PM

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Seems to me adding signature verification, on top of the 2 witness/notary requirement is an unnecessary requirement that will not provide additional protection and will only result in more confusion, and rejection of valid votes. I know my signature changes over time, as well as whether I am sitting or standing, if I just worked out, etc.

The focus should be on finding ways to increase participation. That would be the best for democracy.

I do not support adding the signature verification requirement.

Thanks,
Steve Whiting
2022 Forest View Cir, Leland, NC 28451.
(404) 426-3611

From: [THOMAS YANDEAU](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Additional Layer of Verification in the Absentee Ballot Process
Date: Saturday, July 2, 2022 11:36:39 AM

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The State Board's current guidance to county boards of elections is not to use signature verification in the consideration of absentee returns. Under state law, each absentee by-mail voter must have two witnesses or a notary attest that the voter completed their ballot in the witnesses' presence. Verification of the voter's identity is completed through this witness requirement.

The Republicans' request for this additional, unnecessary layer of "verification" is another example of continuing the big lie that there was and will be wide-spread voter fraud. They want to intimidate and disenfranchise voters who would be likely to vote against them.

A practical consideration is that a person's signature may change over time. I have rheumatoid arthritis in my hands and have noticed a change in my handwriting that, depending on the reviewer, could appear to not be genuine.

If I were on the Board of Elections I would be insulted by the continual claims of voter fraud by the Republicans. It is simply an example of blaming the messenger for the result you don't like.

I respectfully request that the State Board of Elections retain its neutrality and defeat the Republican effort to create yet another layer of review intended to eliminate opposing votes.

Sincerely,

Thomas Yandea

From: [Carolee Morris](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Additional Signature Verification for Absentee Voters
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 12:43:11 PM

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No additional verification or scrutiny of absentee ballots by County Boards of Election is needed. Past history demonstrates that absentee voters were diligent and legal. Minuscule fraud occurred. The current system works well. County Boards have quite enough to do without being required to conduct additional signature verification on ballots as well as envelopes. In addition, I do not remember exactly how I signed my name for Brunswick County when I registered after having moved here twenty plus years ago. In a recent election, I voted using an absentee ballot. Two people witnessed my signature on that ballot. This process is quite enough to ensure that no one votes illegally. Thank you for ruling against implementing costly and unnecessary procedures.

From: [Susan Kelemen](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Additional Signature Verification is Unnecessary
Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022 7:52:27 PM

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To whom it may concern:

The current voting laws are sufficient and there is no need to add further restrictions.

There is little to no evidence of voter fraud, so additional signature verification is unnecessary.

Additional signature verification is an attempt to make voting more difficult and to intimidate the voting public.

It is un-American to try to restrict people's right to vote.

Yours truly,
Susan Kelemen
90 Quartz Hill Road
Pittsboro, NC 27312

From: [Ellen Weiner](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Against the proposed "signature match"
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 3:17:32 PM

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I'm against the proposed "signature match" process for mail-in ballots. No, no, no.

1. I distrust it because it's not a bi-partisan request. It's driven by one political party, in this case Republican. It's not been widely discussed by, say, our State Board of Elections as a necessity or a help;
2. NC is required to have a "uniform ballot review" process across the state. These signature reviews will vary widely across all 100 counties by varying individuals and groups;
3. Voting is my right. It's not a privilege if I jump through enough hoops. And this will give strangers the ability to invalidate my vote - and I wouldn't even know it!
4. It is too easy to target communities for special scrutiny and affect their votes.

Thank you for asking our input. But the law of fairness should decide.

Mary Ellen Weiner
3515 Cotswold Terrace
Greensboro NC 27455

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This makes it hard to plan the day." E.B. White**

From: [Paulina Goodfellow](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Attn: Legal Division
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 8:28:16 AM

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I am responding to the NC Republican Party request for increased signature verification on absentee ballots.

I consider this increase unnecessary because of no indication that there is fraudulent activity in the current absentee voter process.

There is already a two witness step. This would add a step that could have discriminatory possibilities for voting by elderly, for example, (me) whose signature has changed over the years.

This is a solution in search of a problem that doesn't exist, and incidentally would be costly.

Sincerely,
Pauline Goodfellow
100 N College Row, Apt 142
Brevard, NC 28712

From: [g.c](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Ballots
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 2:11:07 PM

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I would like for it to be mandatory that signatures must match the signatures on file, with the one on absentee ballots. This way no one will question the integrity of the election.

Thank you!

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From: [Howard Lively](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Cc: [Howard Lively](#)
Subject: [External] Board of Elections Rule
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 9:58:24 AM

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Dear Sirs:

Last year I, an Unaffiliated Registered Voter, cancelled my Voter Registration in protest to the Voter Irregularities around our nation during the prolonged 2020 General Election. We need a Security ID with number to work in America. We need a Photo ID with number on a Driver's License to drive in America. Yet we don't need a Photo ID to Vote in North Carolina. We don't even require a Signature Comparison for Absentee Ballots. Ballot Harvesting can and does exist. If my State is not proactive in ensuring legal and fair elections, then I cannot participate.

The proposed changes to absentee ballot request procedures are both necessary and timely. To prevent any hint of voter integrity issues and ensure fair elections, comparing voter request signatures with signatures on file is a common-sense action to help restore confidence in our election system. I fully support this propose action and strongly encourage the State Board of Elections to adopt this declaratory ruling.

Regards,

Howard Lee Lively, II

From: Volunteers@CCGOP.groups.io <Volunteers@CCGOP.groups.io> **On Behalf Of** Terry Schmidt via groups.io
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2022 9:13 AM
To: Volunteers@CCGOP.groups.io
Subject: [Volunteers] Request for assistance: Board of Elections Rule

To: Chatham GOP volunteer list
Subject: Election Integrity

The North Carolina Republican Party has asked that the State Board of Elections [consider a rule](#) that requires the county Boards of Elections to compare the signature on an absentee ballot with that individuals' signature on file. Currently such a comparison is not allowed

under a State Board of Elections rule dating from 2020.

The Democrat Party and the League of Women Voters are mobilizing a campaign to prevent such signature comparison.

Members of the public can comment on this proposed action between now and July 5 at this [comment portal](#).

I plan on making a comment something like this:

The proposed changes to absentee ballot request procedures are both necessary and timely. To prevent any hint of voter integrity issues and ensure fair elections, comparing voter request signatures with signatures on file is a common-sense action to help restore confidence in our election system. I fully support this proposed action and strongly encourage the State Board of Elections to adopt this declaratory ruling.

If you agree, please support this by placing comments on the [comment portal](#) or by email to rulemaking.sboe@ncsbe.gov.

Terry Schmidt
Chair, Chatham County Republican Party

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From: [Sandra Smith](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Change in Absentee Ballot Requirments
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 3:27:03 PM

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I am apposed to making any changes to the current requirements for absentee ballots. There is no need to make it more difficult for older voters to have a valid ballot. As an 83 year old I see many people in my age group who have many concerns about the proposed changes.

Our goal should be to make it as straight forward and simple as it can be for all citizens to vote with the assurance that their votes will be counted.

Thank you. Sandra Smith
Matthews, N. C. 28105

From: [ken.vyskocil](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Change to Absentee Voting
Date: Friday, July 1, 2022 11:04:59 AM

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I respectfully request that the State Board of Elections retain its neutrality and defeat the Republican effort to create this artifice of “widespread voter fraud” by requiring signature verification on absentee ballots.

The State Board’s current guidance to county boards of elections is not to use signature verification in the consideration of absentee returns. Under state law, each absentee by-mail voter must have two witnesses or a notary attest that the voter completed their ballot in the witnesses’ presence. Verification of the voter’s identity is completed through this witness requirement. This is more than ample verification.

Research confirms that aging is among the factors that affects handwriting. Also, if you now have conditions such as arthritis or nerve damage, it’s likely your handwriting has changed. Signature verification will disproportionately effect the elderly and the disabled. I know that my personal signature has changed drastically and is often effected by the size of the area I have to sign in.

For people who are not handwriting experts to make a judgement to the validity of a signature is wrong and this should not be made a rule to voting. This will take away many valid votes and is merely a fruitless search for nonexistent voter fraud that has been spread by the ‘Big Lie’ that Republicans have perpetrated and been unable, through over 70 court rulings, to prove. This plan is to enable a subjective nullification of legitimate ballots for the purpose of disenfranchising voters with whom they disagree.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Vyskocil
Bolivia, NC

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From: [Elizabeth Bunting](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Comment Period: NC Board of Elections, Absentee Ballots
Date: Monday, June 13, 2022 9:12:34 AM

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Dear NC Board of Elections,

I am writing to put forth a comment pertaining to the scrutiny of signatures on absentee ballots. With almost no data supporting voter fraud through absentee ballots or other means of voting, the scrutiny of signatures is a waste of time and resources. Further, many absentee voters tend to put return address labels on envelopes making the voting traceable. Our tax dollars should not go to such an unnecessary effort.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Bunting

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Elizabeth M. Bunting, DSc, MS, PA-C, DFAAPA

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From: [Helene](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Comment on Mail in ballot rules June 21 2022
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 8:55:51 AM

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Must scrutinize and compare signatures on absentee ballot request form and the actual absentee ballot when it is received.

I was under the impression that this was being done in previous elections.

If we want elections to fair, free and inclusive , we need to ensure that comparing signatures is done with absentee ballots. I want to see our democracy preserved.

From: [Glen C. Shults](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Comment on North Carolina Republican Party's request for declaratory ruling dated May 14, 2022
Date: Monday, July 4, 2022 11:45:51 AM
Attachments: [Scanned comment to NCSBE dated July 4, 2022.gcs.pdf](#)

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Ms. Brinson-Bell: Please see the attached comment on the North Carolina Republican Party's request for declaratory ruling dated May 14, 2022. Glen Shults

Glen C. Shults
959 Merrimon Avenue, Suite 204 (28804)
P.O. Box 18687
Asheville, North Carolina 28814
(828) 774-8057 (Cell)

From: [Richard Ault](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Sunday, June 19, 2022 7:23:48 PM

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I strongly urge you to reject this unnecessary proposal. Handwriting and signatures can evolve and change over time, as do people's names. Board members who would be making these judgments are not handwriting experts and have no specialized training. Studies have shown that for every invalid ballot rejected through signature matching, 32 legitimate ballots are also rejected. Witnesses or a notary, however, who know the voter or can verify other forms of identification are more likely to correctly verify the voter's identity than any form of signature matching.

This proposal opens the door to partisan abuse as rejections have historically disproportionately affected elderly voters, young voters, and voters of color. In the absence of specific legislative requirements, it imposes a dangerous, burdensome, and potentially costly requirement that may, in fact, increase the likelihood of inaccurate vote counts rather than reduce them.

Richard Ault
313 S Thompson Street
Davidson, NC 28036

From: [C. Baverstock](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 10:30:19 AM

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Hello,

Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because we must have fair elections and make sure that the real person submitted their vote and it was done properly and honestly only once.

Hundreds of people people signed affidavits attesting to the massing voting fraud perpetrated by mules, post office back dating, and polling place manipulation including forgery and coercion. Many persons who helped to skew the data confessed. This reality needs to be addressed.

I strongly recommend that . . .

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration!

Carol Baverstock

Raleigh, NC

From: [Christina Young](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Comment on absentee ballot verification due July 5
Date: Sunday, July 3, 2022 2:56:08 PM

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I support a May 14 request by Baker and Branson to require that the signature on absentee ballots received by NC board of elections be compared to the voter's signature on file for verification.

Any absentee ballot submitted that does not have a signature allowing for verification should not be accepted or counted!

Thank you,
Christina Young
9015 Willow Trace Court
Huntersville, NC 28078

From: [jmhorgan2](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Comment on requiring signature verification on absentee ballots.
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 4:18:16 PM

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How would you verify the signature on an absentee ballot?

Is there any govt document on file that contains an individual's verified signature?

Do you currently verify the signature of an individual voting in person?

Would you be considering this new requirement if most absentee ballots were for Republican candidates?

Joanne J. Horgan
Southport NC

From: [Gann Herman](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Comment on the proposed signature-match process change for absentee voting
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 2:59:00 PM

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NC Legislators: I oppose a signature match process being added to requirements for accepting absentee ballots. Here is why:

- 1) We already have a rigorous process for verifying voters: witnesses and signatures on the ballot envelope
- 2) Signatures change over time, and this match process would target registered voters who registered long ago and have consistently voted. I am 72 and my signature has changed several times. For example: I don't always make my capital G the same way, I cross my t's 2 different ways at times, and over the years my signature has looked less cursive and more like printing. This is common: signature matching processes will do far more to remove voters from the voting rolls than it will protect from forged signatures.

DO NOT IMPOSE SIGNATURE MATCHING.

Sincerely yours,
Magaretha Herman
5515 S Roxboro St Unit 26
Durham NC 27713

From: [Josef Sachs](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Comment regarding request for declaratory ruling of May 14, 2022
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 3:13:46 PM

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I am a registered voter and resident of Durham, and I am writing regarding the Republican Party's request for a declaratory ruling related to signature verification for absentee voting.

I strongly oppose the request.

There are already significant obstacles for absentee voting, especially for the elderly and poor, and this proposal would impose serious additional obstacles over and above those required by statute. In addition, there appears to be little if any evidence that such measures are called for. I cannot think of any reason for the request other than driving the narrative that massive voter fraud is being committed in North Carolina in order to justify making voting even more cumbersome, and to delegitimize election results, perhaps so that the Legislature can decide elections on their own despite the actual vote counts.

If the request of the Republican Party is granted, I strongly urge the Board to require uniform rules for every county, since the Supreme Court ruled in *Bush v. Gore* that it is required in order to satisfy the Equal Protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Otherwise it seems to me that the county and state Boards are opening themselves to multiple lawsuits. I also strongly urge that any signatures rejected by county Boards of Elections would prompt a second level of review by the State Board before the application or ballot is rejected.

If I might make a suggestion, if the Board of Elections truly wants to restore confidence in North Carolina elections, a good start would be to uphold current laws that are on the books pertaining to voters making false sworn statements about their residence. Right now, it seems that highly placed individuals who do that face no legal consequences.

Sincerely yours,
Josef Sachs

From: [Barbara Exum](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Comments Against NCSBE Signature Matching
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 7:48:28 PM
Attachments: [Comments on Signature Matching on Mail-in Ballots.docx](#)

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From: [Judy Truitt](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Comments Regarding Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 9:23:25 AM

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Dear Sirs, please be aware of the following concerns which I have regarding the proposed change for absentee voting.

1. In 2019 I was diagnosed with severe nerve damage in my right hand, which is my dominant writing hand. I am very glad to say that the surgery was successful, but as the surgeon explained, he would only be able to stop more damage from occurring, not “cure” the damage that was already present. As a result my handwriting remains significantly different than it would have been when I registered to vote in Orange County, North Carolina. While I have never voted through an absentee ballot, that is certainly an option that I would use if needed and I would be extremely upset if my vote were to be rejected based on a layman’s opinion regarding the validity of my signature.
2. I am not aware of any major fraud or improprieties with voting in my county or indeed the state. Absent overwhelming and VERIFIED proof of such fraud, I reject the notion that we need to make voting more difficult for the voter, or those managing and monitoring the process.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this feedback. I love my country and have deep and abiding concerns about any effort to undermine our voting rights.

Judy R. Truitt
1501 US Highway 70 East
Hillsborough, NC. 27278

Sent from my iPad

From: [David Parker \(OrangeDems\)](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Comments of Orange County Democratic Party on Request for Declaratory Ruling
Date: Friday, July 1, 2022 3:59:25 PM
Attachments: [Comments of Orange County Democratic Party on Petition for Declaratory Ruling.pdf](#)

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Please see attached .pdf.

As requested, I am also including the referenced document in the body of this email.

I would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of these comments by return email.

Thanks,

David Parker

July 1, 2022

By U.S. Mail and By Email
addressed to rulemaking.sboe@ncsbe.gov

North Carolina State Board of Elections
Legal Division
6400 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27603-1362

RE: May 14, 2022 Request for a Declaratory Ruling by the North Carolina Republican Party,
James H. Baker and Jerry Alan Branson

To the Members of the State Board of Elections:

The North Carolina Republican Party and two citizens, James H. Baker and Jerry Alan Branson, petitioned the State Board of Elections (“the Board”) on May 14, 2022 to issue a declaratory ruling on the

application of (1) N.C.G.S. § 230.1 [sic.] and N.C.G.S. § 230.2 [sic.] (and other statutes cited throughout this letter) as to the approval or disapproval of a request for an absentee by-mail ballot and (2) N.C.G.S. § 230.1 [sic.] (and other statutes cited throughout this letter) to the review and approval or disapproval of absentee container-return envelopes.

May 14, 2022 Letter to the State Board of Elections from North Carolina Republican Party, et al., p. 1. (Hereinafter, “the Petition.”) Petitioners object to a series of Numbered Opinions issued by the Board’s Executive Director through which county boards of elections have been advised that North Carolina elections laws do not allow for signature matching on absentee

ballot requests or on returned ballots. Petitioners ask the Board to reverse those decisions and to require every North Carolina county board of elections to conduct signature matching against a voter's registration signature before accepting a request for an absentee by-mail ballot and before accepting an absentee container-return envelope.[footnote 1][footnotes inserted at bottom of comments.]

These comments, made in opposition to the requested ruling, are submitted by the undersigned on behalf of the Orange County Democratic Party, an organization whose core values include a commitment to the opportunity for all eligible voters to register and cast their ballots.

I. Petitioners Fail to Satisfy the Prerequisites for a Declaratory Ruling.

N.C. General Statutes § 150B-4(a) authorizes agencies such as the Board to issue declaratory rulings:

On request of a person aggrieved, an agency shall issue a declaratory ruling as to the validity of a rule or as to the applicability to a given state of facts of a statute administered by the agency or of a rule or order of the agency. Upon request, an agency shall also issue a declaratory ruling to resolve a conflict or inconsistency within the agency regarding an interpretation of the law or a rule adopted by the agency. The agency shall prescribe in its rules the procedure for requesting a declaratory ruling and the circumstances in which rulings shall or shall not be issued. A declaratory ruling is binding on the agency and the person requesting it unless it is altered or set aside by the court.

As directed by that enabling statute, the Board has adopted a rule that provides, along with other prerequisites, that a declaratory ruling "shall not be issued on a matter requiring an evidentiary hearing." 08 NCAC 15 .0102.

The matters raised by the Petition clearly require an evidentiary hearing. For example, the Petition alleges that prior to issuance of the Board's Numbered Memo 2020-19 in 2020, "it was common practice for county boards of elections to compare signatures on container-return envelopes to the voter's signature on their registrationd [sic.] file." Petition, p. 2. This is an allegation of material fact that Petitioners support with no evidence. Moreover, the Petition is grounded on several unproven factual assumptions, including that

- (1) Signature matching is a reliable method of establishing the authenticity of a voter's signature.
- (2) Signature matching can be conducted adequately by county board members and staff who have not been trained in handwriting analysis.
- (3) If signature matching cannot be conducted adequately by untrained persons, adequate resources exist in North Carolina or can be readily made available to provide such training before the date on which absentee ballot requests begin to be received for the 2022 General Election.
- (4) Signature matching does not operate to disenfranchise certain classes of voters.

These are only some of the factual issues that would require taking evidence, including expert testimony, before the Board could issue a rule so fundamentally affecting voting rights. Thus 08 NCAC 15 .0102 requires that the Board deny the Petitioners' request to issue a declaratory ruling. [footnote 2]

II. The Ruling Sought by Petitioners is Unsupported by and Contrary to North Carolina Election Law.

A. Requiring Signature Matching on Absentee Ballot Requests is Not Authorized by Governing Law and Would Unfairly Create Additional Impediments for Voters Requesting Their Own Ballots.

North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 163, Article 20 sets forth a detailed and comprehensive set of procedures for requesting an absentee ballot. Those statutory procedures do not include signature-matching requirements, and they provide more than adequate assurance that requests for absentee ballots are legitimately made by or on behalf of the individual voter. Thus, N.C.G.S. § 263-230.2 requires that a request to be issued an absentee ballot include the voter's address and date of birth and also the voter's North Carolina driver's license number, special non-operator identification card number, or the last four digits of the voter's social security number. Taken as a whole this is not information that would be easily accessible to someone seeking to obtain an absentee ballot fraudulently by impersonating a voter, and Petitioners make no showing that signature verification of absentee ballot requests would provide greater fraud deterrence than these measures already provide.

But the bigger problem for Petitioners is that this request, if granted, would result in the imposition of an additional impediment to absentee voting for only some North Carolina voters—a distinction that is fundamentally unfair and, given the procedures mandated by the General Assembly, plainly illogical. For a voter to obtain an absentee ballot in North Carolina, a written request must be submitted on the form specified by the Board by “the voter or that voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian.” N.C.G.S. § 263-230.2 (a). (Emphasis added.) Petitioners do not address the General Assembly's determination that it is acceptable for a voter's “near relative” to request an absentee ballot on the voter's behalf. Significantly, the General Assembly did not condition this flexibility on any impairment of the voter—a voter need not be ill, disabled, or unavailable in order for a near relative to request an absentee ballot for that voter. And the statutory definition of “near relative” is very broad: it means a “spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, or stepchild.” N.C.G.S. § 263-226(f).

Petitioners have wisely chosen not to ask the Board to issue a ruling governing every request to receive an absentee ballot. Doubtless they recognize the absurdity of a requirement that, before a voter could be issued an absentee ballot, a county board would have to verify the authenticity of the signature of the voter's brother or in-law or stepchild. (How the Board could even do so is a mystery, given that none of those persons are themselves be required by § 263-230.2 (a) to be registered to vote in order to request a ballot for a relative.) The result, however, is that Petitioners ask the Board to impose one set of rules for voters who themselves request an absentee ballot but less burdensome rules for those who avail themselves of alternatives that are deemed equally legitimate by the General Assembly.

Petitioners make no effort to explain why it would be fair or reasonable to impose this significant additional burden on only one class of voters seeking to vote by absentee ballot, for

the obvious reason that no such explanation is availing. The Board should deny Petitioners' request for a signature-matching requirement for absentee ballot requests.

B. Signature Matching for Absentee Ballot Applications is Unsupported by and Contrary to Governing Law.

Petitioners assert that the election laws require county election board members to authenticate a voter's signature before concluding that the absentee ballot application has been properly executed. They allege that county boards cannot meet this obligation unless they "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter." Petition, p. 4. The problem with this argument is that the General Assembly has already defined for the county boards how to determine that an absentee ballot is properly executed, through the procedures set out in N.C.G.S. § 263-229(b), and those procedures do not require signature authentication.

Under these procedures, the official envelope in which absentee ballots must be returned to the county board of elections contains the voter's "application" to vote by absentee ballot. N.C.G.S. § 263-229(b). Before an absentee ballot is tallied, the Board must determine that the container-return envelope—the application—has been properly executed. N.C.G.S. § 263-230.1(e). To pass that scrutiny, the voter's application must include:

- (1) The voter's certification of eligibility to vote the enclosed ballot and of having voted the enclosed ballot [].
- (2) A space for identification of the envelope with the voter and the voter's signature.
- (3) A space for the identification of the two persons witnessing the casting of the absentee ballot in accordance with G.S. 163-231, those persons' signatures, and those persons' addresses.
- (4) A space for the name and address of any person who, as permitted under G.S. 163-226.3, assisted the voter if the voter is unable to complete and sign the certification and that individual's signature.

N.C.G.S. § 263-229(b).

Petitioners emphasize the general statutory edict that absentee ballot container envelopes must be signed but gloss over the specific safeguards that the General Assembly chose to validate such signatures. Instead they focus on county board duties to ensure compliance with the election statutes, raising the wholly speculative and definitely improbable risk that board members will be exposed to criminal liability if they do not conduct signature matching. But they—and the Board—can only arrive at the rule they seek by ignoring well-settled principles of law holding that more specific statutes, such as the detailed authentication procedures prescribed by the General Assembly, must take precedence over more general provisions, such as the mandate that county board members ensure accurate accounting of all official ballots. *See, 85' & Sunny, LLC v. Currituck Cnty.*, 864 S.E.2d 742, 750-51 (N.C. Ct. App. 2021) ("[w]hen two statutes arguably address the same issue, one in specific terms and the other generally, the specific statute controls") and *Westminster Homes v. Town of Cary Zoning*, 354 N.C. 298, 304 (N.C. 2001) ("It is a well established principle of statutory construction that a section of a statute dealing with a specific situation controls, with respect to that situation,

other sections which are general in their application.")

North Carolina will be an outlier with the harshest scrutiny of absentee ballots in the nation should the Board adopt the rule Petitioners seek. Twenty-seven states conduct signature verification on returned absentee/mail ballots. Nine states, the Virgin Islands and Washington, D.C., verify that an absentee/mail ballot envelope has been signed but do not conduct signature verification. Twelve states either require that the ballot be notarized or allow the voter to elect between notarization and witnessing. No state requires both signature matching and witnessing or notarization, and neither should North Carolina [footnote 3] . Petitioners utterly fail to demonstrate how imposing such a burden on voters is necessary to ensuring fair elections.

C. Signature Matching on Absentee Ballots Will Favor Republican Candidates

On the other hand, the ruling Petitioners seek will demonstrably help Republicans get elected. In this regard, the Board should take note of what Petitioners do not bother to address. Petitioners choose not to deal with the potential personal bias and error that will be introduced into absentee ballot authentication if signature matching is conducted by county election board members with varying attitudes toward purported “election integrity” issues and varying degrees of training in handwriting analysis, if any training at all. They discount that ballots already must be voted in the presence of two witnesses, who must also sign the application—or before a notary public.[footnote 4] They are silent about the body of research showing that a person’s signature can change for a variety of reasons such as healthy aging, J. Forensic Sci. 2014 Jul; 59(4) 1020-4; or with the development of Parkinson’s Disease, Mov Disord Clin Pract, 2017 Nov-Dec; 4(6) 806-18—factors that would result in unnecessary hardship for some voters and might well create legal difficulties for the State under federal disability law if Petitioners have their way. In sum, Petitioners essentially do not bother to demonstrate how adding signature voting to the existing validation requirements will enhance the integrity of the vote.

These gaps expose the probable actual motivation behind the Petition: suppression of voting by segments of the population that do not traditionally vote for Republican candidates.

In the 2020 General Election, just over a million voters successfully voted by absentee ballot. [footnote 5] Far more Democratic (679,248) and Unaffiliated (495,504) voters attempted to vote by absentee ballot than did Republicans (292,561). [footnote 6] County Boards rejected 292,572 absentee ballots for failure to meet statutory requirements. Black voters saw their ballots rejected at a rate of 26.6%, and for Hispanic or Latino absentee ballots the rate was 22%, while the rejection rate for white voters was significantly lower: 18.3%.

Only 7,947 of those 292,572 voters “cured” their absentee ballots after rejection. While the majority of voters chose to vote in person rather than attempting to correct deficient absentee ballots, 9,362 voters ultimately did not go on to vote successfully either by curing the absentee ballot or voting in person. Among that group, 2,186 identified as Black and 3,978 as Democrats. And just over 3,000 voters aged 66 and above never voted successfully after rejection.

The Board is prohibited by court order from rejecting absentee ballots without providing

voters the opportunity to cure material errors in their ballots that are subject to remediation. *Democracy N.C. v. N.C. State Bd. of Elections*, 476 F. Supp 3d 158, 239 (M.D.N.C. 2020). But the 2020 experience demonstrates that some voters try once to vote and if they encounter impediments, they abandon the effort. Many of these voters may receive notice of problems too late to correct and return their ballots by the statutory deadline. Moreover, disadvantaged and elderly voters may find it too difficult to get to the polls to vote in person. The Board should be especially wary of adopting a rule with a likely outsized effect on persons of color where the history of voting and elections laws in North Carolina has been found to show a recurring pattern in which the expansion of voting rights and ballot access to African Americans is followed by periods of backlash and retrenchment that roll back those gains for African American voters through facially neutral laws. See, “Final Judgment and Order,” *Holmes v. Moore*, 18-CVS-15292-210917 (Wake Co.), at 76.

While the overall percentage of attempted absentee voters who did not ultimately vote in 2020 is relatively small at 3.2%, the Board’s data show that far fewer of those who attempt to vote absentee in the first place are Republican and that an outsized number of Black voters—traditionally a demographic group that skews Democratic—have their absentee ballots rejected. Thus, there is a sound tactical reason for Petitioners to seek further impediments to absentee voting: those barriers are far less likely to affect Republican voters.

Conclusion

Petitioners seek a declaratory ruling from the Board that is inappropriate under the Board’s criteria, unsupported by and unnecessary under the laws of this State, and incapable of implementation without creating through administrative rule an impediment to voting for some citizens that is not imposed on others—and with no rational basis for the distinction. They cloak a political power grab in the mantle of election integrity, but the Board should not be fooled: in a state where the winning candidate for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court won by only 401 votes in 2020, Petitioners are pursuing every means possible to ensure that voters who do not agree with them will have a harder time having their votes counted.

Citizens and organizations believing that eligible citizens should be able to vote will abhor the administrative creation of an additional impediment in the form of signature matching. Those feeling otherwise resort to efforts like this Petition. For the reasons set forth above, the Orange County Democratic Party urges the Board to deny Petitioners the declaratory ruling they seek.

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of July, 2022.

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Footnotes:

1. In its June 10, 2022 notice of public comment period related to the Petition, the Board states that the Petitioners have requested that the Board “authorize county boards of elections to scrutinize voter signatures on absentee ballot request forms and absentee ballot return envelopes, to determine whether to count those ballots in North Carolina elections.” (Emphasis added.) However, the Petition, at p. 8, states that “a ruling by the NCSBE is required to ensure that the confirmation of each voter’s vote will count as one vote and not a fraction of a vote due to the illegal casting of ballots by fraudulent intervenors.” (Emphasis added.) This passage makes it clear that Petitioners are seeking a ruling from the Board applying to every voter in the State, which would mean not the Board was authorizing county boards to use the procedures sought by Petitioners, but rather requiring that each county board implement them as to every absentee ballot and request for an absentee ballot it receives.

2. Other commenters may argue that the Petitioners have failed to demonstrate that they meet the statutory definition of “person aggrieved,” N.C.G.S. § 150B-2(6). The Orange County Democratic Party does not concede that the Petitioners have met the statutory standard, as refined in numerous North Carolina appellate decisions, see, e.g., *Empire Power Co. v. N.C. Dept. of E.H.N.R.*, 337 N.C. 569, 447 S.E.2d 768 (1994), but in the interest of economy we choose not to comment at length on this complicated threshold issue.

3. National Conference of State Legislatures, *How States Verify Absentee/Mail Ballots* (3/15/2022), <https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/vopp-table-14-how-states-verify-voted-absentee.aspx>. Of the remaining states, Arkansas requires a copy of the voter’s ID to be returned with the absentee ballot. Georgia requires the voter’s driver’s license number or state identification card number, which is compared with the voter’s registration record. Minnesota and Ohio also require this information, though Minnesota also requires a witness signature, and Ohio conducts signature verification.

4. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 10B-20 provides that a notary should not perform a notarial act if the principal or subscribing witness is not in the notary’s presence at the time the notarial act is performed or if the principal or subscribing witness is not personally known to the notary or identified by the notary through satisfactory evidence.

5. <https://www.ncsbe.gov/results-data/voter-turnout/2020-general-election-turnout>

6. These and the statistics and tallies that follow in this section are derived by comparison of two data files maintained by the Board:
https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/ENRS/2020_11_03/absentee_20201103.zip and
https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/data/ncvhis_Statewide.zip .

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From: [Quinn Raymond](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Cc: [Clint Swift](#)
Subject: [External] Comments on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 5:13:04 PM
Attachments: [Voteshield NC Signature Match Public Comment 2022-07-05 \(1\).pdf](#)

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Please see attached for VoteShield's comments regarding a request for the State Board to authorize county boards of elections to scrutinize voter signatures on absentee ballot request forms and absentee ballot return envelopes.

Sincerely,
Quinn Raymond
Co-founder, VoteShield

From: [Craig Landwehr](#)
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Subject: [External] Comments on Signature-Matching
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 3:04:53 PM

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Hello,

I just learned of the proposal to match signatures on absentee ballots. As a frequently absent voter, I am motivated to voice my objections.

My signature has certainly evolved over my lifetime, and I suspect that it will continue to do so as I type more, and write less. Not to mention aging! The result, I fear, will be further bureaucracy and delays.

I further resent the Republican Party's efforts to impose a deeply flawed process that would surely be a strain on North Carolinians and election administrators, while doing nothing to strengthen our voting system. And I say that as a right-leaning independent voter.

I urge you to reject this proposal.

Craig Landwehr
10712 Trappers Creek Dr, Raleigh, NC 27614

From: kjkemper@aol.com
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Date: Sunday, June 19, 2022 2:47:37 PM

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My handwriting has certainly has changed since I first registered to vote in NC in 1995.

My handwriting has become increasing illegible over the years so much so that I print a lot more than I used to.

I have developed arthritis in my writing hand so it is painful to write and my signature has changed as a result.

If the NC General Assembly wants to institute a signature matching procedure for absentee voting, they should give us all a chance to 'refresh" our signatures.

Given the very limited voter fraud in NC, perhaps the funding required to implement this completely unnecessary procedure could be better spent on something more worthwhile, such as expanding Medicaid or providing more funding to the public schools.

Kathy Kemper
Wake Forest, NC

From: [Matt Barnes](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Common Sense Election Integrity
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 7:09:03 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed changes to absentee ballot request procedures are both necessary and timely. To prevent any hint of voter integrity issues and ensure fair elections, comparing voter request signatures with signatures on file is a common-sense action to help restore confidence in our election system. I fully support this propose action and strongly encourage the State Board of Elections to adopt this declaratory ruling.

Best,
Matt Barnes

From: [ROGER CHAPIN](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Comparing Signatures
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 9:31:24 AM

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I am a voter and a proud American. I encourage the comparison of the signature on an absentee ballot with the individuals' signature on file.

Roger Chapin

From: [Diana Hales](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Comparing absentee signatures to those on voter registration docs
Date: Monday, June 13, 2022 3:40:40 PM

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Diana Hales
Chatham County Commissioner

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From: [Tom Glendinning](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Cc: [Tom Glendinning](#)
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Return to the election day protocol of matching an absentee voter's signature with a signature on record to verify a vote.
Keep voting fair and just. No more shenanigans.

Tom Glendinning
Chatham County resident 50 years

From: [Kathy Welte](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] DO NOT CHANGE Absentee Ballot Verification
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To whom it may concern,

*The State Board's current guidance to county boards of elections is not to use signature verification in the consideration of absentee returns. Under state law, each absentee by-mail voter must have two witnesses or a notary attest that the voter completed their ballot in the witnesses' presence. **Verification of the voter's identity is completed through this witness requirement.***

I respectfully request that the State Board of Elections retain its neutrality and defeat the Republican effort to create such a change to the current use of 2 witnesses or a notary.

*Yours truly,
Kathryn J. Welte
Shallotte, NC*

From: candidate@leeabrian.com
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Signature verification for absentee voting MUST BE required, because Our Right to Cast Our Ballot is Free and Independent United States. If North Carolina Citizens can not trust the voting process has been fairly or correctly conducted, then our citizens will see to the process being restored to a secure system.

- The State Board of Elections MUST require that at all times the ALL 100 county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their county office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).

- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lee Andrea Brian (Clayton, NC)

From: [donna.stewart](#)
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I fully support this action to insure election integrity. I encourage the SBOE to adopt this ruling.

Donna Stewart
Chatham County, NC

From: jimmy.patelnguyen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Jimmy Patel-Nguyen](#)
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Amid the pandemic and the rise of anti-Asian violence in 2020, Asian American voters in North Carolina used vote-by-mail more than any other racial group. Signature matching raises another unnecessary barrier to voting, and I am concerned that our legitimate votes may be inaccurately rejected in future elections. For example, some foreign-born Asian Americans in our community did not have a 'signature' when they came to the U.S., which puts them at a higher risk of ballot rejection due to a mismatched signature.

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Every North Carolina voter must have the freedom to vote and to have their vote accurately counted. I urge you to reject the request to authorize county board of elections to match signatures.

Sincerely,
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Every North Carolina voter must have the freedom to vote and to have their vote accurately counted. I urge you to reject the request to authorize county board of elections to match signatures.

Sincerely,
Mr. Danny Nguyen
4008 Jockey Club Cir Cary, NC 27519-6367
danny.a.nguyen@gmail.com

From: [mmrpopp](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Do not impose arbitrary signature match requirements
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 2:10:49 PM

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The current system is more than adequate with 2 witnesses &/or a notary & 1 witness. No need to initiate an error-prone signature-match protocol that is open to way too much subjectivity. Leave it as is!

Thank you,
Catherine Popp
90 Ladys Fern Trail
Hendersonville, NC 28739
704-258-3182

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

From: [Jean O'Barr](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Don't allow change
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 5:53:55 PM

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I am an 80 year old resident of Chapel Hill who has voted in every election since I was 21. I have always voted in person, either early or more frequently on Election Day. In 2020 I was suffering from arthritis and for the first time used a mailin ballot. I was grateful for the option. My handwriting like my body no longer works that well. The signature on my early documents surely is more legible than my current signature. But it is still me and I will continue voting. Don't change the law or you potentially disenfranchise me.
Jean O'Barr

Jean O'Barr
Cell 919-489-7879
Land 919-918-3473
750 Weaver Dairy Rd
#1222 Carol Woods
Chapel Hill NC 27514

From: [Ken Sweet](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Election Integrity
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 4:30:48 PM

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The abuses of the election process have been made very clear. It is essential that the county boards be authorized to scrutinize and verify authenticity of the signatures on the applications for absentee ballots and the ballot return envelopes in order to verify that these are legitimate and the contained ballots should therefore be included in the count.

Under His Wings,
Ken Sweet

Luke 8:17

17 For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Susan Sweet](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Election integrity
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 10:04:36 AM

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Due to the highly obvious abuses of the election process and massive voter fraud, it is imperative that we authorize the county boards to do the following: scrutinize to verify signatures on absentee ballot request forms and ballot return envelopes and determine whether or not to include these ballots in the count for NC elections.

From: [Barry Caulder](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Election security
Date: Monday, June 13, 2022 2:09:43 PM

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I urge our NC board of elections to consider all possible ways to secure our elections and very the voting ballots are really from the registered voter who request a mail in ballot, the voters of NC voted for a secure election when we voted FOR voter ID law and I urge y'all to do everything possible to verify that the ballots are legal and from the correct registered voter.

Thank You for your time. Barry Caulder.

From: [Evan and Tom Rodgers](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Election
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 9:34:11 AM

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The State Board's current guidance to county boards of elections is not to use signature verification in the consideration of absentee returns. Under state law, each absentee by-mail voter must have two witnesses or a notary attest that the voter completed their ballot in the witnesses' presence. Verification of the voter's identity is completed through this witness requirement.

The Republicans' request for this additional, unnecessary layer of "verification" is simply a continuation of the Big Lie — a fruitless search for nonexistent "widespread voter fraud." Their plan is to enable a subjective nullification of legitimate ballots for the purpose of disenfranchising voters with whom they disagree. I respectfully request that the State Board of Elections retain its neutrality and defeat the Republican effort to create such an artifice.

Evan and Tom

From: [John Wallace](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Cc: [Love, Katelyn](#)
Subject: [External] FW: Message from KM_368e
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 4:57:08 PM
Attachments: [SKM_368e22070516441.pdf](#)

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Katelyn,

I am herewith submitting the Comment of the North Carolina Democratic Party to the Request for Declaratory Ruling of the Republican Party.

Regards, JRW

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Post Office Box 12065 (27605)
Raleigh, North Carolina 27612
Mobile Telephone - (919) 801-4132
Telephone – (919) 782-9322
Facsimile – (919) 782-8113

From: smtpdis@gmail.com <smtpdis@gmail.com>
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 4:15 PM
To: John Wallace <jrwallace@wallacenordan.com>, John (JT) Gareau <jtgareau@wallacenordan.com>
Subject: Message from KM_368e

From: [Bob Warren](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Feedback on signature verification
Date: Friday, June 10, 2022 12:00:57 PM

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I am visually impaired and have used the online accessible absentee ballot process in recent elections.

Depending on one's device (computer versus touch screen device such as iPhone, iPad, etc) and the amount of vision one has (totally blind versus some central or peripheral vision), there are several ways for the voter to enter their signature. With a touch screen, one can use their finger to sign. With a computer, one can (attempt to) sign by using the mouse. If totally blind, there is the option to type in one's signature. In all of these cases, it is very, very challenging to produce a signature that is similar enough for the proposed signature verification process.

I respectfully ask that NCSBE take the above comments into consideration. (My own view is that this proposed signature verification procedure is a "solution" in search of an actual problem with ensuring the validity of absentee votes).

Thank you.
Bob Warren
214 Weaver Mine Trail
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

From: [Bill Bunting](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Fwd: Ballot Scrutiny
Date: Monday, June 13, 2022 11:07:57 AM

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Here's how that would go in Brunswick County... "oh, they're black, ballot denied" or "this person is democrat, ballot denied"

Giving the county's the right to do this is just another extension of voter suppression.

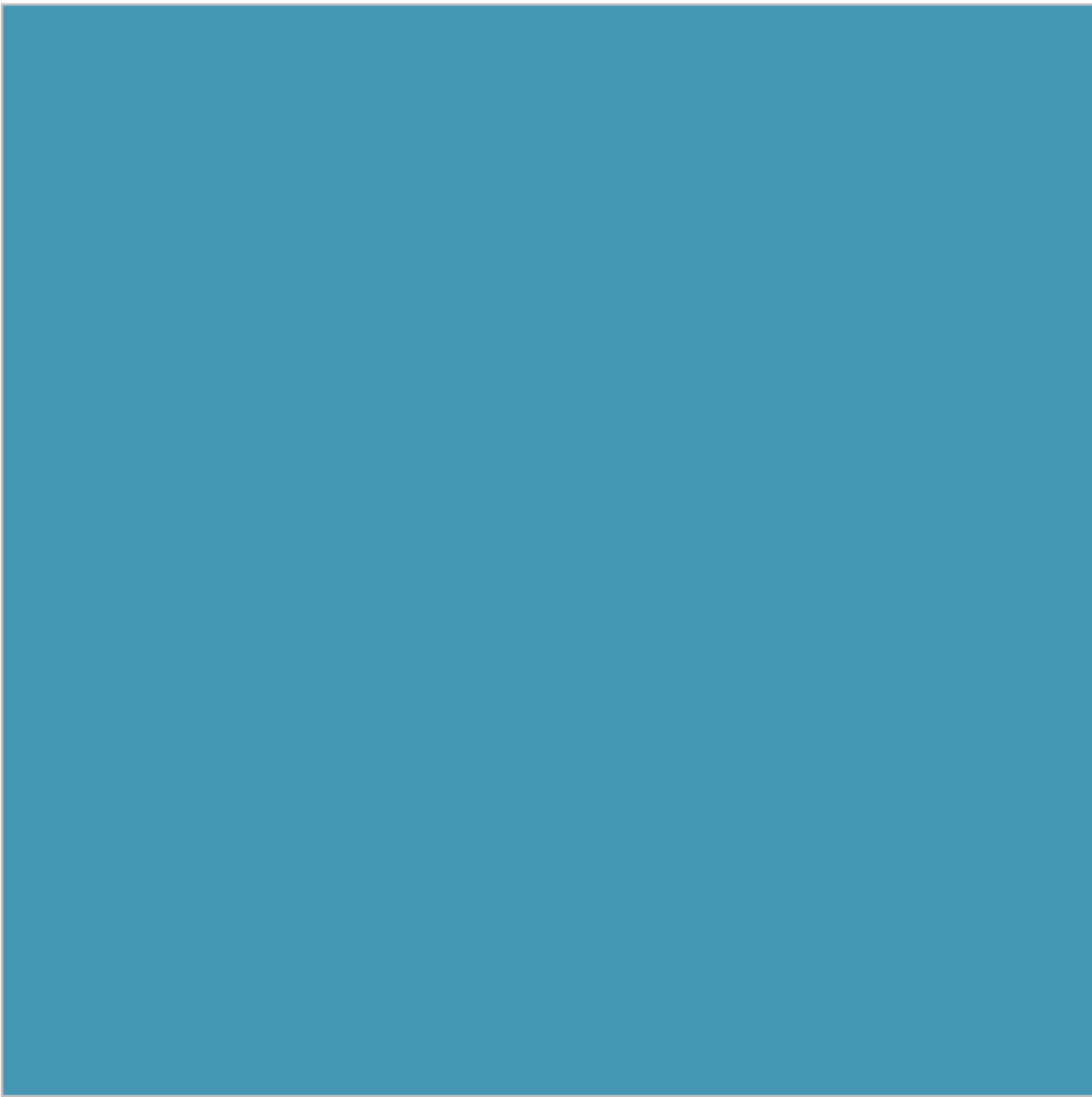
Bill Bunting

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From: **What's Up St. James?** <info@stjamespoanc.org>
Date: Mon, Jun 13, 2022 at 4:15 AM
Subject: POA Weekly Newsletter June 13, 2022
To: <billbunting@gmail.com>

June 13, 2022





What's Up St. James?

St. James POA News

Does Your RFID Match the Car Registered?

Does your vehicle with an RFID (Radio Frequency ID) access pass match the vehicle registered in your QuickPass account? To support security within St. James, it is critical to ensure 100% accuracy of vehicles registered.

If you remove a RFID sticker and reapply it to different vehicle, the POA must be notified. Failure to advise the POA that a device has been transferred could result in the deactivation of the device. Go into your QuickPass account at: quickpass.us, click on the 'Vehicles and Devices' tab at the top. Review the vehicles listed in your account.

Do you have car with a RFID that is NOT listed on your account?

- Click on the orange Vehicle/Device button
- Complete the Vehicle Info section
- Under the Comments Section, provide detailed information to clarify which RFID is on which vehicle. Questions? Call the POA, 910-253-4805.

Learn How to Text to Your QuickPass Account

No access to the QuickPass website? Don't have time to log into the QuickPass APP? No problem.

After a quick one-time set up to activate your cell number, you can begin using the 'Text to Quick' feature.

Send a text to 78425, enter your visitor's name, submit and they are now in your approved visitor queue. Security will see them as approved and quickly, and securely, allow their access to St. James. Please follow [*these simple steps*](#) to learn how to use this feature.

'What's Up St. James?' Looking for Editors

The Communications Committee is seeking a volunteer editor for the POA's weekly newsletter, 'What's Up St. James?'. Applicants must have a computer and be knowledgeable with computer tools such as internet browsers, Adobe Reader, MSWord, Gmail and preferably Constant Contact. Editors will receive submissions through the WUSJ email account, edit the announcements as necessary, and transfer that information into a Constant Contact template to be sent out each Monday. WUSJ editors must be schedule-oriented and will rotate the weekly responsibility with others; adapting to meet individual schedules.

Training will be provided. Send an email of interest, along with your qualifications to poa@stjamespoa.net with 'Communications Committee-WUSJ' in the subject line. You'll be joining a great team.

Questions? whatsupstjames@gmail.com.

Nominating Committee Seeks Members

The St. James POA's Nominating Committee needs 2 new members. The Nominating Committee identifies candidates for POA Board of Directors' position(s) in preparation for the annual meeting in October; counts all the votes for each candidate, whether by written or electronic ballot, and announces the winner(s) at the annual meeting.

If interested, please submit an email indicating your interest to POA@stjamespoa.net. In the subject line of your email, add 'Nominating Committee Volunteer' and your name.

Pet Alerts / Dog Registry / Lost or Found Pets

If you are new to St. James or maybe a new dog owner, please register your dog by following [these instructions](#). We try to use this information when a dog is found to help reunite dogs with pet owners. By registering, you can join almost 900 other St. James residents who receive Pet Alert emails when help is needed finding lost pets or owners.

If you see a loose dog or if your dog escapes out the door, please notify Security at the Main Gate by calling 910-253-7177. They will follow up with the POA Office during work hours or with volunteers on nights, weekends and holidays to send out alerts.



Town of St. James

Town Council Work Session

The Town of St. James Town Council will be holding its monthly Work Session at 10AM on **Thursday, June 16** at St. James Town Hall. The public is invited. A copy of the agenda with supporting documentation can be found by clicking [here](#).

'Who Does What in St. James' Video Series

The Town of St. James is creating a video series to explain who does what in St. James (Town, POA, Fire Department and Troon). The first video of the series is now published on the Town's website. [Click here](#) to view.

Brunswick County

Public Comment Period Open for Signature Verification

The N.C. State Board of Elections has opened a written public comment period for a request for the State Board to authorize county boards of elections to scrutinize voter signatures on absentee ballot request forms and absentee ballot return envelopes, to determine whether to count those ballots in North Carolina elections.

This request seeks an additional layer of verification for absentee voters. The public comment period will be open from **Friday, June 10** through **Tuesday, July 5**. Members of the public may comment in the following ways:

- Online: [Public Comment Portal](#)
- Email: rulemaking.sboe@ncsbe.gov

Brunswick County Looks for Poll Workers

Precinct officials are the heartbeat of elections – we would not be able to conduct elections without them. In every election, hundreds of people in Brunswick County come together to make sure your voice is heard. Interested in finding out more? Brunswick County offers a no-obligation information session to introduce you to elections and what it takes to make elections happen in Brunswick County. Learn about elections, voting, operations and what it takes to be one of our most valuable assets – a poll worker.

- In person session on **Monday, June 27** at 10AM or **Tuesday, August 9** at 10AM. To register, Click [here](#).
- Attend virtually from the comfort of your home. To register to attend virtually on **Wednesday, July 13** at 2PM click [here](#). To register to attend virtually on **Thursday, July 21** at 6PM, click [here](#). Visit our [Precinct Official Page](#) to learn more about serving.



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Inside St. James

'New to Pickleball' Clinics



The St. James Pickleball Association (SJPA) holds a 'New to Pickleball Clinic' the first Thursday of every month at 11:30AM at the Seaside courts. The July clinic will be held **Thursday, July 7** and is open to everyone. Bring your own paddle or one will be provided to you. To register go to www.stjamespickleball.com and click on 'Events' or email dnorton1919@gmail.com for additional information. This is the perfect way to find out if

pickleball is right for you.

Little Pink Houses of Hope Beach Towel Drive



Little Pink Houses of Hope (LPHH) is an organization that provides family beach vacations to women who are going through breast cancer treatment. Every vacation is designed to help families relax, reconnect and rejuvenate during the cancer journey. Oak Island, as it has for over 8 years, is hosting families again this year. Everything is provided for the families – accommodations, food, entertainment and

supplies.

To assist LPHH, a beach towel drive is being organized. Drop off a new beach towel at [2721 Shady](#)

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Thanks,

Bill Bunting

billbunting@gmail.com

252-341-3320

From: [Donna N](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Fwd:
Date: Sunday, July 3, 2022 3:25:07 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I support a May 14 request by Baker and Branson to require that the signature on absentee ballots received by NC Board of Elections be compared to the voter's signature on file for verification.

Any absentee ballot submitted that does not have a signature allowing for verification should not be accepted or counted!

Thank you,
Donna Nasko
9011 Willow Trace Court
Huntersville, NC 28078

From: [Tom Mitchell](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] GOP & absentee ballots
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 12:14:00 PM

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Reacquiring a signature after obtaining an absentee ballot is simply another unnecessary attempt by the *GOP* to disenfranchise voters who are unable to vote in person. This game is so obvious: some voters will not realize that a second signature is required; *GOP* election workers can toss out votes for democrats by declaring that, in their opinion, the two signatures are not similar enough. Of course, professional, unbiased handwriting experts will not be examining every ballot.

Tom Mitchell
North Carolina, USA
Email: TomMitchellDNA@gmail.com

From: [Susan Harris](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] GOP Proposal for Increased Scrutiny of Absentee Ballot Signatures
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 9:07:55 PM

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I am strongly opposed to the GOP proposal to increase scrutiny of signatures on absentee ballots. It's totally unnecessary because North Carolina law already has procedures in place to verify an absentee voter's identity.

As has been stated by others, this is a solution looking for a problem. In fact, the only widespread voter fraud involving absentee ballots ever committed in NC was by a Republican campaign for Congress in 2018, and it got caught in time, thankfully. In reality, voter fraud by individuals is extremely rare. If Republicans think that voter fraud using absentee ballots is such a severe problem, let's see the EVIDENCE.

Don't place an additional, unnecessary burden on election workers who are already stretched thin and increasingly the targets of unfair accusations and disinformation... and, in too many instances, violent threats. We should be giving them resources to help them do their jobs, not placing impediments in their way.

Please send this proposal where it belongs... the "round file."

Thank you for providing a platform for public comments on this ill-advised proposal.

Susan F. Harris
registered voter, Forsyth County, NC

From: [Jean Jones](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] GOP'S demand for signature-match
Date: Sunday, June 26, 2022 12:49:31 PM

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I strongly object to the GOP'S latest attack on NC Vote-by-Mail. My signature does not look the same each time I write it and I don't think the GOP is bringing in a handwriting analysis expert. This GOP'S request creates a dangerous standard to challenge state election rules. Jean Jones



Virus-free. www.avg.com

From: [Nora Dziuban](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] I OPPOSE Additional Layer of Signature Verification for Absentee Voters
Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022 5:49:24 PM

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The “**additional layer of verification for absentee voters**” requires that an individual voter’s signature on the ballot be compared not only to the ballot-return envelope and ballot request form, but also to the individual’s original voter registration form.

Many individuals' original voter registration form will be several decades old. Normal processes of aging may alter an individual's signature significantly enough to make it appear different than their ballot and envelope signatures. Additionally, various physical disabilities may develop that result in even greater changes in a signature. These issues create an erroneous opportunity for perfectly valid ballots being disqualified or not even being made available.

A related but less clear issue is whether the Republican Party request will require comparison of the absentee ballot request form submitted by the voter. Because it is possible to request an absentee ballot via the NCSBE website, there will be cases where there is no such request form with a signature. The concern of course is that situation could result in valid ballots being disqualified.

Nora Dziuban
Southport, NC

From: [Ray](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] I agree. Tighten the absentee ballot procedures. They are so loose and encourage fraud. You know what is going on - - stop the cheating!
Date: Friday, June 17, 2022 10:28:00 AM

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I am disgusted with NCs performance on running elections. You have destroyed election integrity. Your rules are a joke! NC election rules for absentee ballots is a joke and is being abused AND YOU KNOW IT! SHAME ON NC.

Colonel Raymond K. Munn, USAF RTD
256 Little Garden Dr., Nebo, NC
Sent from my iPad

From: [Marie Taylor](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] ID & Signature Requirement
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 6:49:08 PM

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Hello!~
ID and signature verification should be part of the electoral process.
We need to protect our democracy.
Thanks,
Marie

Marie Taylor

From: [Darryl Hunter](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] It only make sense
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 9:08:04 AM
Attachments: [ASL Logo - email.png](#)

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Seeking the correct level of identify verification is not only correct but absolute in making sure we have integrity in our democracy.

I totally support any added steps to make sure we do what our founding fathers had in mind.

Just to put it into perspective. We have insurance to protect against Identify theft, we require I.D. for getting a license, military enlistment etc. Why on earth would we not require the same for voting.

Best regards,
Darryl



PASSION FOR PERFECTION

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From: [Roy Yack](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Mail in ballots
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 4:29:41 PM

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I urge you to continue unlimited access to mail in voting for me and for all other North Carolinians.

Roy E Yack
St James NC 28461

From: [Sherri Micheline](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Mail in ballots
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 2:15:53 PM

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Please don't let the Republicans stop mail in ballots. Micheline
Thank you.
Sherri Micheline

From: [Carole Nelson](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Mail in ballots
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 7:49:05 AM

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I am definitely in favor of more scrutiny and verification of signatures on mail in ballots in NC. Carole Nelson, Brunswick County

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: Abc1243@atmc.net
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Mail in ballots
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 5:04:53 PM

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I stand for the right to have the option for mail in ballots.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Robert Hurley](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] My views on signature match for voting
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 6:22:12 PM

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Dear Folks:

The proposed requirement that a voter's handwritten signature match the signature of his or her voter registration completed perhaps many years ago is another pathetic effort to disenfranchise people of the right to vote. I, for one, at age (nearly) 70, can attest that my signature today looks quite different from my signature of 30 years ago. I do not have a disease; my handwriting has simply changed over time. (Even my husband of nearly 32 years tells me he can hardly read my handwriting anymore.)

Please see this for what it is.

Sincerely,

Elaine M. Gordon
2141 Cowper Drive
Raleigh, NC 27608

From: [Joan Poole](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] NC Absentee Voting System
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 2:53:29 PM

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The absentee ballot system, as it currently exists in North Carolina, could and should be used as a model for other states.

It requires two witnesses to the signature, if is a thorough and clearly described system.

The proposal to require signature verification defies reason and common sense. A personal signature changes, not only as the person ages, but it can be affected by illness or mental state and more.

I urge you strongly to leave our excellent absentee ballot system without change. The proposal under consideration opens the door to endless challenges regarding results, to more delays and confusion.

Sincerely,

Joan N. Poole

From: [Johanna Gisladdottir](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] NC Vote by Mail
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 1:29:15 PM

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I am writing about proposed changes to the Vote by Mail rules in North Carolina, allowing election boards to reject ballots based on signature matching. I believe the current requirements, with two witnesses accounting for the signature, result in a very reliable system. The proposed system would not add security to the election process but only hurt those whose signatures naturally change with time, and give election boards power that they should not have.

Please do not introduce a signature matching requirements. I believe there are processes in place if election boards have suspicions about particular mail-in ballots.

Sincerely,

Johanna Gisladdottir
Chapel Hill, NC

From: philkeipper@gmail.com
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] NC Voter Signatures
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 4:45:08 PM

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State Board:

I am writing to request that the State Board authorize the county board of elections to scrutinize voter signatures on absentee ballot request forms and absentee ballot return envelopes, at the very least, and determine whether to count those ballots in North Carolina elections. I WOULD PREFER PICTURE ID VERIFICATION.

This request seeks an additional layer of verification for absentee voters.

Thank you for your attention to this very important and critical issue.

Phil Keipper
3728 Selwyn Circle
Southport, NC 28461-7505
philkeipper@gmail.com
(805) 857-2417

From: [Martha Brian](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] NC Voter ballot & envelope
Date: Sunday, June 12, 2022 2:54:41 PM

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To whom it concerns:

As the NC law requires Voter's signature of ballot and return envelope should be followed.

No numbered memo, by any person, shall over rule the NC voter laws. Memos are not law. Laws should be followed until otherwise changed to reflect. Any Person(s) not following should be arrested and have a trial.

No pandemic should override the laws.

Thank you,

Mrs. Martha Brian

From: [Janet Faucette](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] NC absentee voting
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 4:56:26 PM

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I am asking you to reject the signature match process on absentee ballot. We already have a reliable system for voting absentee. This needs to be rejected. Voting should not be hard.

Janet Faucette
113 St Elizabeth Drive
Gibsonville, NC 27249

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Scott Williams](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] NCGOP signature matching request
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 1:30:56 PM

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I urge the NCSBE to deny the NCGOP request for signature verification on absentee ballots. Current law does not require it and the NCSBE has properly noted that in the directives they've already provided to County Boards. I'm 68 years old and between my advancing age and the drastic drop in requirements for me to sign, or indeed write anything in cursive in this electronic age, my signature is sometimes not even recognizable to me. In addition, I was shocked to learn that children in many schools have not been taught either cursive writing or how to sign a document. It would therefore be damaging – not constructive – to “fair elections” to allow County Boards to compare signatures before counting a voter's ballot. Finally, the vast majority of voter fraud that I've read about is committed by members of the party represented by NCGOP. I would suggest the NCGOP would better support “fair elections” by devoting their efforts toward teaching their own members not to commit voter fraud, rather than this counterproductive request.

-Scott N. Williams

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From: [Dustin Ingalls](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] NCLCV Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 11:13:08 AM

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Below is the NC League of Conservation Voters' comment on the North Carolina Republican Party's request for declaratory ruling on signature verification for absentee voting:

"The North Carolina Republican Party (NCGOP) is asking the state Board of Elections (SBE) to introduce a layer of bureaucracy to processing mail ballots that would be burdensome for both voters and elections staff. It would undoubtedly throw out qualified North Carolina voters' ballots for no reason, particularly those cast by voters of color and those at either end of the age spectrum. For the NCGOP, perhaps this is more a feature than a bug.

In fact, increasing the likelihood of discarding valid ballots can be the only reason for this request. Mail ballot carrier envelopes already require signatures from the voter and either two witnesses or a notary public, and there are already legal penalties for forging signatures and other exceedingly rare forms of voter fraud. Therefore, signature matching is not even necessary to address any election security concern.

County elections staff are not trained to assess handwriting samples. Asking them to do so anyway introduces extraordinary levels of subjectivity and human error akin to the hanging and pregnant chad fiasco following the 2000 presidential election in Florida. Signatures vary significantly over time, and the fact that two signatures may appear different to an untrained eye is no basis for denying someone their constitutional right to cast a ballot.

Further, this subjectivity creates county-to-county variances in the existing statewide legal standards for counting ballots. These variances across our 100 counties would violate voters' rights to equal protection of the laws. Voters should not be denied their constitutional right to vote simply because they live in a county with an overzealous Board of Elections, while voters in another county which does not apply arbitrary signature matching rules are free to cast their ballot as stipulated under our general statutes.

This request has no basis in those statutes, and it is rich that the NCGOP is making this request of SBE, when two years ago the same party criticized SBE for reaching a consent agreement on the timing of accepting absentee ballots instead of seeking a legislated amendment to state law. Here, the appropriate remedy for such long-term policy change would be passing a law in the legislative body that party controls, laying out the standards for signature matching, challenges, and other questions. Perhaps they know such a law would not survive Gov. Cooper's veto or judicial review.

For these reasons and more, SBE should deny the NCGOP's request."

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From: [Linda Moore](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] NCSBE Signature Matching
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 10:54:59 AM

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On behalf of the 20,771 registered Democrats in Craven County, I submit this public comment to oppose the proposed additional signature review requirement. Signature matching is an unreliable and discriminatory method of discarding valid votes that disproportionately impacts vulnerable voters. Research in other states has shown that ballots from Black, Indigenous, Latinx, disabled, and elderly voters are disproportionately rejected at higher rates. There is no statute that requires signature matching. Additionally, for all ballots that are mailed in there are 2 witnesses that have viewed the voter completing the ballot and are listed on it.

Linda G. Moore
Craven County Democratic Party Chair

From: [Bill Horton](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] NCSBE ballot signature proposal
Date: Sunday, July 3, 2022 3:41:55 PM

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I am writing to strongly **oppose** the NC legislature petition to the NCSBE to require **signature matching on all absentee ballots**.

This proposal is NOT an improvement to current safeguards, it is unnecessary, and may actually hinder older voter's ability to participate in elections.

Signature matching has proven to be an inexact science at best across the country. In particular, as a spine surgeon who now suffers from CMC thumb disease, I can assure you that my ability to recreate an exact signature is very challenged. This will also be the case for thousands of folks suffering with tremors, visual impairment or other medical issues. Signature matching places a real burden on the elderly, and also places an undue burden on close relatives who are trying to assist an elderly parent in the voting process.

Voter fraud has not proven to be a widespread problem requiring broad actions like this. Currently the existing requirement for a Notary or having 2 witnesses sign any absentee ballot request is plenty of protection, and has proven reliable.

At the very least - any future notion of requiring signature matching must also include a funded and proven mechanism for **the State to notify the citizen in a timely fashion that there is an apparent discrepancy and provide a simple easy-to-navigate pathway to remedy any apparent mismatch in time for voting**.

Please do NOT enact this legislative proposal.

Thank you,
Bill Horton
PO Box 2123
Cashiers, NC 28717

William C. Horton, M.D.

From: [Karen Floyd](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] NO to signature-match
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 1:23:51 PM

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Hello,

The push by the NC Republican Party to impose a deeply flawed “signature-match” process would be a strain on North Carolinians and election administrators.

While doing nothing to strengthen our voting system, instead, it would disenfranchise many legitimate voters. I know that MY signature has changed dramatically since I first registered to vote.

The Republican Party's request must be rejected by the State Board of Elections.

Please continue to take any, and all, measures to protect our voting rights and our democracy.

Very sincerely,

Karen Floyd

From: [Karen Bolton](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] New rule for handwriting verification
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 5:11:56 PM

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The State Board's current guidance to county boards of elections is not to use signature verification in the consideration of absentee returns. Under state law, each absentee by-mail voter must have two witnesses or a notary attest that the voter completed their ballot in the witnesses' presence. Verification of the voter's identity is completed through this witness requirement.

The Republicans' request for this additional, unnecessary layer of "verification" is simply a continuation of the Big Lie — a fruitless search for nonexistent "widespread voter fraud." Their plan is to enable a subjective nullification of legitimate ballots for the purpose of disenfranchising voters with whom they disagree. I respectfully request that the State Board of Elections retain its neutrality and defeat the Republican effort to create such an artifice.

Thank you!

Karen Bolton, Broker/REALTOR, SRES
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<http://www.ncrec.gov/Brochures/WorkingwAgents.pdf>

For more information on working with real estate agents in North Carolina, please go to above link and contact me with any questions.

From: [Becky Hucks](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] New voting Rule
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 8:46:32 PM

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The State Board's current guidance to county boards of elections is not to use signature verification in the consideration of absentee returns. Under state law, each absentee by-mail voter must have two witnesses or a notary attest that the voter completed their ballot in the witnesses' presence. Verification of the voter's identity is completed through this witness requirement.

The Republicans' request for this additional, unnecessary layer of "verification" is simply a continuation of the Big Lie — a fruitless search for nonexistent "widespread voter fraud." Their plan is to enable a subjective nullification of legitimate ballots for the purpose of disenfranchising voters with whom they disagree. I respectfully request that the State Board of Elections retain its neutrality and defeat the Republican effort to create such an artifice.

*Rebecca Hucks
2861 island Dr se
Bolivia, nc 28422
Sent from my iPhone*

From: [A H](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] No Signature Match!
Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022 3:00:04 PM

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Hello NCSBE,

Please do not add an additional signature verification for absentee ballots.

Signature matching is unreliable and discriminatory. What one person might think is a match, another person might believe is not closely matched enough. Our poll workers do enough, let's not add something else to their plates—especially an unnecessary task that could lead to trouble for all. We already require two witnesses, and that is enough!

Annelise Hagedorn
Henderson County Resident
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From: bclendenni@aol.com
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] No need to change current signature requirements for mail in ballots
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 11:17:59 AM

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Local elections officials already verify signatures by requiring two witnesses. This additional signature verification requirement is unnecessary and would result in extra costs to local boards of elections which are already underfunded.

This is a solution in search of a problem that doesn't exist!!

Respectfully,
Sheila Clendenning
Flat Rock

From: [Martha Whitney](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] No to Signature matching
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 2:44:20 PM

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Hello,

We need easier access to voting. Signature matching is unnecessary and a waste of time and money. It matching is an unreliable and discriminatory method of discarding valid votes that disproportionately impacts vulnerable voters. Research in other states has shown that ballots from Black, Indigenous, Latinx, disabled, and elderly voters are disproportionately rejected at higher rates.

As a senior, my thumbs are very arthritic and my signature has changed significantly over the past 20 years. I am worried that if signature verification comes to NC, my ballot could be rejected.

Martha Whitney
104 Juniper Place
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Business Cell: 919-485-9738

From: [Miki Wayland](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] No to signature matching
Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 5:10:17 PM

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Please do not add additional signature verification requirements to absentee ballot request forms and return envelopes. It adds costs and is not reliable. I know my signature looks different over time, as I suspect is true as many of us age or develop difficulties with writing. You don't want to mistakenly throw away any valid ballots!

Thank you,

Michelle Wayland
2404 Bloomsbury Manor Drive
Durham, NC 27703

From: [P.G](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [P.G](#)
Subject: [External] Open Comments for Absentee Voting Verification
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 11:49:03 AM

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Good Afternoon.

I am in shock that we in NC, in 2022, are still here...stagnant, obstructionists, and revisionists.

Why can we not be a shining example (for the rest of the country) on what it means for voters (ALL voters) to be afforded an easy and convenient opportunity to vote, letting 'all' NC registered voices be heard?

NC already has one of the highest thresholds to meet (among states) to vote by mail...(only having the rules eased 'once' because of a national pandemic).

NOW, NC wants another obstacle, trying to discard legitimate votes, because the signature on their registration (which could have happened years before) doesn't (by some subjective individuals review) exactly match that of the current mail-in vote signature, the one that is double verified and notarized?

My input is NO to that! My second point...GROW up!

Lastly, why is this input request not being advertised on all media organizations statewide, so more folks understand and are able to provide input?? That is the real question.

Thanks. Paula H. Gadson

From: [Lisabeth Sample](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Opposed:Signature Voting Orotocol
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 4:15:42 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to the declaratory ruling request that would change the way absentee ballots are verified in North Carolina. The current method of verification of signatures by witnesses or a notary should not be changed. The signatures of many voters change over time due to age, health conditions, etc. The declaratory ruling would just add and unnecessary later to a process that works perfectly well

Thank you

Liz Sample
Asheville,NC

From: [Lisa Garrett](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Opposing Ballot Signature Verification
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 4:23:48 PM

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I urge you to reject the request to add 'signature matching' as a requirement for absentee ballot acceptance. First, I do not believe the NC State Board of Elections has the power to add this requirement. Second, if the legislature sought to add this requirement to state law, I would oppose it as a subjective criteria prone to abuse and likely to be used disproportionately to target and challenge minority voters in violation of equal protection and due process. Third, there is no requirement that any citizen have a signature that is uniform and does not vary in order for that signature to form a legally valid promise or contract. In fact, many citizens have signatures that are illegible, and that vary considerably from day to day, and based upon the medium. For example, a signature on a touch screen may vary considerably from that on a paper form, yet both signatures are equally valid and legally effective. To nullify a citizen's right to vote based upon some person's subjective judgment that the signatures don't 'match' strikes me as ludicrous grounds upon which to deny a basic right that is the bedrock of democracy and our obligation as citizens.

Thank you for your attention,
Lisa M. Garrett
Asheville, NC 28805

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From: [Fred Krusemark](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Opposition to proposed additional signature verification
Date: Sunday, June 19, 2022 11:32:00 AM

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I am totally opposed to the proposed addition signature verification on top of the already required witness verification. This is a terrible idea since none of the signature verifiers are trained in graphology, analysis of handwriting. I have had training in this area and know that it is a marginally reliable science. Trained graphologists cannot reliably and accurately separate false signatures from legitimate signatures which can change significantly over time as one ages or when someone signs in different circumstances.

It's obvious to me that this proposal is just another attempt to restrict voter rights. Please reject this proposal since it will only create problems and is just pure mischief making by the Republican Party. I am an Independent and don't trust either party, but want to still believe in our democracy which is under siege from within and outside of our country.

Fred Krusemark
1117 Hillcrest Ridge Dr
Salisbury, NC 28146

From: [Theresa Joan Rosenberg](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] PLEASE PROTECT CURRENT ABSENTEE VOTING SYSTEM
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 5:11:31 PM

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Dear Board of Elections:

North Carolina already has a reliable system for voting absentee. Under current law, voters must have two witnesses – or a notary public – confirm their identity when casting a ballot by mail. Our state’s process for voting absentee is fair, secure and it’s proven to work.

The NC Republican Party wants to change that by placing an **unfair burden** on the growing number of North Carolinians who opt to vote absentee by mail. This **unnecessary “signature-match” process** would look at someone’s signature on their voter registration form – possibly filled out decades before – and compare it to the voter’s current signature on their absentee ballot. **That would leave it to human error and unequal standards to decide which ballots should count.**

Such an unclear process could especially hurt older voters and disabled North Carolinians, whose handwriting may have changed since they registered to vote years before.

The NC Republican Party to impose a deeply flawed “signature-match” process would be a strain on North Carolinians and election administrators, while doing nothing to strengthen our voting system.

PLEASE REJECT the Republican Party's request for “signature verification” by the State Board of Elections.

Respectfully,

Theresa Joan Rosenberg

117 Essex Drive
Chapel Hill NC 27514

Telephone 984-234-3036

From: [Lynn Kosman](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Please
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 3:09:44 PM

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Please stop making it harder for people to vote. I literally have to take vacation days and juggle my schedule and cannot afford for any party to make things harder.

From: tess.tesslineback.com
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Proposal for elections board to verify mail in ballot signatures
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 12:20:06 PM

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The proposal is unnecessary and adds a subjective way of determining a legitimate vote.
Two signatures already verify the voter's signature.
I vote that this proposal be dismissed.

Teresa Lineback

From: [Eric K. Terashima](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Proposal for signature verification
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 8:15:10 PM

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The proposal for signature verification of absentee ballots at the county level is simply another act of voter suppression by the Republican party. County Board of Election officials are not signature experts, and should not be given the authority to disqualify votes by virtue of how they feel.

Eric Terashima

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From: [Gail Mason](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Proposal to further scrutinize mail-in ballots
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 10:36:21 PM

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To The NCSBOE:

The requested change to allow even further scrutiny of mail-in ballots by county board of elections officials involving review of handwritten signatures is yet another attempt to deny legitimate votes. This is a totally unnecessary procedure and a front door attempt to overturn election results. Please do not allow this change.

Respectfully,
G.L. Mason

From: [Kathleen Ragan](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Proposed New Verification Rule
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 11:25:12 AM

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To Whom It May Concern:

The State Board's current guidance to county boards of elections is not to use signature verification in the consideration of absentee returns. Under state law, each absentee by-mail voter must have two witnesses or a notary attest that the voter completed their ballot in the witnesses' presence. Verification of the voter's identity is completed through this witness requirement.

The Republicans' request for this additional, unnecessary layer of "verification" is simply a continuation of the Big Lie — a fruitless search for nonexistent "widespread voter fraud." Their plan is to enable a subjective nullification of legitimate ballots for the purpose of disenfranchising voters with whom they disagree. I respectfully request that the State Board of Elections retain its neutrality and defeat the Republican effort to create such an artifice.

*Sincerely,
Kathleen E. Ragan
Southport, NC 28461*

From: [Richard Vicki Turner](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Proposed Signature Verification
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 12:15:01 PM

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Good day,

The State Board's current guidance to county boards of elections is not to use signature verification in the consideration of absentee returns. Under state law, each absentee by-mail voter must have two witnesses or a notary attest that the voter completed their ballot in the witnesses' presence. Verification of the voter's identity is completed through this witness requirement.

The request for this additional, unnecessary layer of "verification" is simply a fruitless search for nonexistent "widespread voter fraud." The plan is to enable a subjective nullification of legitimate ballots for the purpose of disenfranchising voters with whom they disagree. I respectfully request that the State Board of Elections retain its neutrality and defeat the effort to create such an artifice.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely;

Richard and Vicki Turner

Registered voters, Brunswick County

From: [Debbie Stubberfield](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Proposed law requiring signature comparisons
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 9:50:33 AM

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I am a 73 year old teacher who used to take great pride in my handwriting. Now there are times that my handwriting is barely legible and other times it is not legible at all. It is almost unpredictable when I start writing which way it will be. I am totally against enacting a law that may cancel out my vote, and probably thousands of others.

DO NOT MAKE IT HARDER FOR CITIZENS TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS!

Deborah J. Stubberfield
347 Cypress Ridge Drive SE
Bolivia, NC 28422

From: [Margo Skinner](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Proposed new voting rule
Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 7:31:56 AM

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The State Board's current guidance to county boards of elections is not to use signature verification in the consideration of absentee returns. Under state law, each absentee by-mail, voter must have two witnesses or a notary attest that the voter completed their ballot in the witnesses' presence. Verification of the voter's identity is completed through this witness requirement.

The Republicans' request for this additional, unnecessary layer of "verification" is simply a continuation of the Big Lie — a fruitless search for nonexistent "widespread voter fraud." Their plan is to enable a subjective nullification of legitimate ballots for the purpose of disenfranchising voters with whom they disagree. I respectfully request that the State Board of Elections retain its neutrality and defeat the Republican effort to create such an artifice.

*Thank you for addressing this
Margo Skinner*

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Margo Skinner

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From: [Marian Stephenson](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Proposed ruling re signature verification
Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022 9:44:38 AM

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I am strongly opposed to the signature verification proposal before the Board of Elections now. I am an 86 year old woman whose signature has remained fairly steady. However, I see changes in myself and I recognize my vote may not count if my signature were verified against an earlier one.

Moreover, my late husband had Parkinson's disease and I saw his signature decline significantly in the 10 years he suffered from this disease - even though he was cognitively very clear. His vote mattered to him but would have tossed out under this proposed legislation.

Lastly, I see no need for this proposal, we already require two witnesses to our signature when we're voting with a mail-in ballot.

From: [Gerald Labie](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Proposed signature match process
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 10:33:23 AM

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Dear State Board of Elections Members:

I am opposed to the NC Republican party's proposed signature match process for absentee ballots. I believe it is unnecessary and would be error prone and unduly burdensome. Our current approach to absentee ballots is working well and is secure.

Thank you,

Gerald Labie

From: [Paul Averette](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Proposed signature verification requirement
Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022 6:27:50 PM

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The NCSBOE should reject this proposal by the NC Republican Party on the following grounds:

1. It is an unnecessary, unfair and additional burden on county elections workers.
2. It will adversely affect those voters who have a physical disability or medical issue impairing their ability to sign their names legibly.
3. Because it creates a subjective standard, it is prima facie arbitrary and would likely fail judicial scrutiny.

Thank you.
Paul Averette
142 South Side Rd.
Brevard, NC 28712

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From: [Harry Burrell](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Proposed voter signature verification
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 3:46:15 PM

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I understand that the NC Republican party is proposing an additional step of voter signature verification for absentee ballots. This appears to be yet another attempt to make voting as difficult as possible. The many studies and investigations following the 2020 elections showed that voter fraud was negligible in absentee ballots. I urge the BOE to disregard this blatant attempt to disenfranchise voters most likely to take advantage of the absentee option. It is unfortunate that the NC GOP appears not to be interested in making purchasing a gun as difficult as exercising the right to vote.

Harry Burrell
6284 Cattail Ct, Southport, NC 28461

From: [Andra Larson](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 7:03:40 PM

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Dear Sirs,

I think it is both unnecessary and unfair to add an additional signature verification process to mail in ballots. As my parents aged, their signatures changed. The required witnesses ensure that the person who is signing is indeed the person on the ballot. That process works. This added requirement would likely cause mail-in ballots to be rejected when they are in fact proper. Speaking for myself, I know my own signature has changed over time. It is grossly unfair and unnecessary and costly to place this additional requirement on mail-in ballots. I hope you will not change the current system which works fine.

Thank you for considering my opinion. Andra Larson, Swannanoa, NC

From: [preston hilton](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment - Signature Verification
Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 8:55:04 AM
Attachments: [doc20220614083701.pdf](#)

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Sir/Madam:

Please find attached my comment on signature verification. I'm sure we can all agree more voter integrity securities the better. After all, fraudulent votes disenfranchise us all.

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Subject: [External] Public Comment
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I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Mark Geouge

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From: [rainesupreme](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Cc: [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment FOR Maintaining Signature Verification For Absentee Voting
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Dear Officials:

I respectfully request that the law require signature verification for absentee voting as the bare minimum measure that can help ensure election integrity when someone cannot vote in person. Without it, anyone could easily assume someone else's identity and cast a vote under that person's name that is contrary to how the aggrieved person would have voted.

As such, I highly recommend that....:

- County Boards of Election be required by the SBOE to compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature as it appears on absentee ballot request forms and on absentee ballot return envelopes.
- If signature comparison software is used, I suggest that it be set at an effective rate of 95%, which is the level that is recommended by the Heritage Foundation.
- County Boards of Election be have free license to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for inviting me to express my opinions, and for considering them while making your decision.

Karen Michelle Raines
Raleigh, NC

From: [Marilyn Carter](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment Letter regarding Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 3:43:33 PM
Attachments: [Comment Letter for NCBOE - No to Signature Match, 5-July 2022.pdf](#)

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Please see attached letter.

Thank you for your consideration,
Marilyn Carter
919-448-7406

Marilyn Carter
Second Vice Chair, Disability Issues Caucus of the NC Democratic Party
President, Democratic Women of Orange County, NC
NC Democratic Party Executive Council, Member at Large
Past Chair, Orange County Democratic Party

From: [Alan Mayhew](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment Period Opens on Request Related to Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 12:17:02 PM

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I am a 72-year-old male who still has his original social security and draft card. I registered to vote on my 21 birthday and have never revisited the elections office to make any changes. I can assure you that signature on my original social security and draft card doesn't resemble my signature today. Therefore I am under the assumption that my signature on my original voter registration also doesn't resemble my signature today. As you are aware, due to health matters or not being available to vote in person I have voted absentee with a notary signature. As I understand the notary law is to insure the person signing the document is in fact the person authorized to sign the document. Now if I were to find my vote was disenfranchised due to my 72-year-old signature not matching my 18-21-year-old signature after that 72-year-old signature was notarized, I would think that the Board of Elections would open to suit by depriving a legal, able-bodied, US citizen his constitutional right to vote or his vote was being denied count. In this day of voter discontent, I find it hard to believe that the body politic would attempt to disenfranchise any voter or attempt cast doubt that votes do not or would not count. In a truly democratic society, we need to encourage voting, in person, mail-in, or any other means. Otherwise, our democracy will not survive.

Alan H. Mayhew
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To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
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Subject: [External] Public Comment Submission on Request Related to Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
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Attachments: [2022.06.30_SCSJ_Signature_Verification_Public_Comment_Submission_Letter.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon, Members and Staff of the North Carolina State Board of Elections,

Please find attached the Southern Coalition for Social Justice's public comment submission on the request related to signature verification for absentee voting.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you!

Katelin

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Katelin Kaiser (she, her, hers)

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From: [Mike Lemons](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment for Absentee Voter Validation
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I endorse and support absentee voter signature ID on absentee ballots with two (2) witnesses or notary verification of the voter and signature validation in front of witnesses.

James Michael Lemons
4 Bennington Ct
Asheville, NC 28803

From: [Gerard Falzon](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment in Favor of Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 11:32:36 AM

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I believe that Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because:

1. this is the primary method used for voter fraud due to its self-certification feature.
2. since is such a popular method of voting, the numbers involved could definitely swing elections

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).

- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Gerard Falzon

From: [Michael Urben](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment on Mail-in ballots Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Sunday, June 19, 2022 9:05:35 PM

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You requested public comment on absentee voter signature verification.

WE THE PEOPLE DO NOT WANT ABSENTEE MAIL-IN BALLOTS!

Karen Bell's memo #2020-19 stating that “voter signature on the envelope should not be compared with the voter's signature on file” was an affront to our voting process.

Furthermore, the statutory requirement of two signature witnesses over the age of 18 (or a notarization) is laughable! Whose going to VERIFY each one of those ballots??

We want:

ONE DAY, IN-PERSON, HAND-COUNTED PAPER BALLOTS for all elections going forward, just as the country of France successfully implemented and executed. NO MACHINES!

Mail-in ballots, except for the most extreme cases—such as military deployments-- must be DISCONTINUED. They INVITE FRAUD as we know!

We want LEGAL CITIZEN PICTURE IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS!

My friends from India and The Philippines told me that their respective countries require photo ID. The NC State BOE should get behind the push to have the appeals court decision overturned! They wrongly decided against the people!

ALSO... What is the status of the source code review from the 2020 election? Is it being witnessed by any of our election integrity patriots?

WHAT is being done to secure the 2020 election records before they are destroyed on September 3rd?

EACH OF YOU have been charged with overseeing our elections process. Please ensure that ALL potential for fraud and malfeasance is ELIMINATED!

I look forward to an affirmative response.

Thank you.

Michael D. Urban
Apex, NC

From: [Marina Pino](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Cc: [Michelle Kanter Cohen](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment on Request Related to Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Friday, July 1, 2022 5:59:00 PM
Attachments: [Fair Elections Center's Public Comment to NCSBE_Signature_Verification_for_Absentee_Voting.pdf](#)

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Dear Executive Director Brinson Bell, Chairman Circosta, and Members of the State Board:

Please see the attached public comment on the North Carolina Republican Party's May 14, 2022 request related to signature verification for absentee voting.

Best regards,
Marina

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Marina R. Pino (she/her)

Legal Fellow | Fair Elections Center

www.fairelectionscenter.org

From: [Ray Roy](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required, and is essential, for election integrity. This will enable absentee ballot submissions to be compared against the voter's original voter registration records. Other methods may be circumvented more easily.

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration on this extremely important election integrity matter.

Regards,
Ray Roy
Stem, NC / Granville County

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From: [andy vandiver](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
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Hello --

Signature verification for absentee voting is critical!

I strongly recommend that:

- The State Board of Election requires that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).

- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Andy Vandiver
Mcleansville NC

From: [Joanne Empie](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
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Hello Board of Election members,

Signature verification for absentee voting must be required to restore confidence in our election process. Absentee ballots are the voting method most subject to fraud. Signature verification would help assure that the person is who they represent themselves to be. It is a basic level of verification and the information is readily available. It should deter ballot harvesting.

I urge the Board to use signature verification and suggest the following:

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).

- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Joanne Empie
Raleigh resident

From: [Luke1511ff](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because of the danger of vote tampering, which would call into question the integrity of our elections and undermine trust in the trustworthiness of our democracy, especially in this contentious and divided cultural climate.

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).

- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Stephen G. Wessells
Greensboro, NC

From: [PAULA DAVIS](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
Cc: [Paula Davis](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
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Dear Election Board;

Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because it was originally required and we need every person that votes vetted. Deceit and intentional fraud has become easier in our modern times. We must protect our rights to be heard in integrity via our votes or we no longer have the nation we came here to live in where life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness was guaranteed.

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Paula Davis

Snow Camp North Carolina 27349



From: [Sarah \(Sallie\) McKesson](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because

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I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election requires that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sarah McKesson, Raleigh

From: [Gene Bridgeman](#)
To: [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#); [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required to protect the integrity of the voting process. Voting is such an important right that we have and its process must be safeguarded.

Accordingly, I strongly recommend that:

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).

- County Boards of Election should be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Benet(Gene)Bridgeman, Raleigh

From: dfcarter67@gmail.com
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 11:49:13 PM
Attachments: [Donald F. Carter_ PE.vcf](#)

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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because absentee ballots offer perhaps the greatest opportunity for voter fraud and verification increases confidence that the ballot was actually submitted by the registered voter.

I therefore strongly recommend:

1. *The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).*
2. *County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."*

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [TRACY CUSTIS-RAYNOR](#)
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required to avoid fraud. It is essential that;

- 1) The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and the absentee ballot itself. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- 2). County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee ballot is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sent from my iPhone
Tracy

From: [Karen Vasquez](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
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Good afternoon,

Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because North Carolina elections are at risk of being tampered with through mail in ballots. We need secure and honest elections in order to follow what our forefathers died for, our freedom.

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

We rely on you and your integrity to keep our elections honest and secure. I beg you to go above and beyond to protect our elections which when protected also protects our country and our children's future.

Respectfully,
Karen Vasquez

From: [Nel Frangis](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
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I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).*
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."*

Regards,

Nelda Frangis

Thank you for your consideration. Sent from my iPhone

From: [Andrea George](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
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We emphatically recommend that:

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust" all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter.

- In the current atmosphere of citizens questioning election integrity, it would be a step in the direction of increasing public confidence to follow the NC law that requires an absentee voter to confirm their identity by having two witnesses or a notary attest that the voter completed their ballot.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gary and Andrea George
Raleigh, NC

From: [Gary Austin](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
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SBOE:

Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because there is simply no other way to know which “votes” are legitimate and which are bogus.

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter’s signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter’s signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to “exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter.”

Thank you for your consideration.

Gary L. Austin

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From: [Anne Whipple](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:52:50 PM

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Dear members of the NC State Board of Elections:

Regarding signature verification of absentee voting,
Why would you NOT want to exhaust every means necessary to verify voters?
Why would you NOT want to ASSURE the public with every means available that our
absentee voting system is honorable and accurate?

Not performing a signature verification of absentee voter signature on ballot envelope
compared to the voter signature on file in county offices leads voters to think YOU ALL
have something to hide!

Surely, you are seeing articles about NC having unfair elections. Put those rumors to
rest PLEASE!

Thanks for all you do.

Sincerely,
Anne Whipple

[Anne Whipple](#)
[In GOD We Trust](#)
[Raleigh, NC](#)

From: [David Caswell](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022 10:33:37 AM

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SUBJECT: Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election requires that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Julie W. Caswell
4 Oak Ridge Trail
Black Mountain, NC 28711

From: [David Caswell](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
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SUBJECT: Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election requires that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

David L. Caswell
4 Oak Ridge Trail
Black Mountain, NC 28711

From: [Wendy Steele](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because This policy was instituted in August 2020. Prior to that time it was common practice for county boards of elections to compare signatures on absentee ballot return envelopes to the voter's signature on their registration file.

The world knows the 2020 election was rigged, stolen through numerous ways of cheating including ballot box stuffing of mail in ballots with no signatures and not matching signatures on envelopes, no envelopes and all the other pervasive fraud of suitcases and van loads of ballots appearing in the middle of the night.

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Wendy Steele
Wilmington, NC

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Dear NCSBE --

Signature verification for absentee voting must be required to prevent fraud and restore the integrity of America's election process.

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan H. Duclos
Aurora, NC

From: [Cheryl Pletcher](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be verified because NC law currently states that the identity of a person is confirmed. While a policy was instituted by the State Board of Elections (SBE) in August 2020 saying that no verification of the signature of the voter was required at the local board when an absentee ballot was received. This policy weakened public confidence of the election outcome in North Carolina. Honest elections in NC and the United States is key to our republic!

I strongly recommend that

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- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Your constituency wants : ONE election day, Voter ID, paper ballots counted by hand, NO machines, smaller precincts and verified signatures on absentee ballots.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cheryl Pletcher

Mooreville NC

From: [Thomas B. Gandolph Jr](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
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I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).

- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Thomas B. Gandolph, Jr.

Apex, NC

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From: [Jeff Rhoads](#)
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- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [Sarah Albrecht](#)
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because that is the only way to ensure the voter is indeed who they say they are. This is to ensure fair elections in which a person can vote once and eliminate the chance for foul play.

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sarah Albrecht

From: [John LaTemple](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#)
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because ignoring this issue cancels out my vote and potentially thousands of votes belonging to others.

Therefore, I strongly recommend:

- The State Board of Election must require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

John LaTemple
Reidsville, NC

From: [Pam Mims](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
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I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election requires that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,
Pamela L. Mims
Black Mountain, NC

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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because otherwise it is too easy to submit a vote in another person's name.

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

From: [S Michael Smith](#)
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I support the NCGOP Request for a Declaratory Ruling from NCBSE, v2 (5-13-22), and support that the Board should uphold free and fair elections, One Person, One Vote. To this end, individual counties SHOULD carefully inspect ballot requests and signatures, and make every effort to ensure that returned or submitted ballots are legitimate ballots of properly and legally/lawfully registered voters, and that all elections are performed in a free and fair manner.

S Michael Smith

From: [Stephanie Edmonds](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because as a voter in this great state of NC it is my RIGHT to have my vote count. It is my RIGHT to have my vote matter. By allowing us to vote without an ID and without a signature you are telling the voters of NC that their votes DO NOT matter to you.

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Stephanie Edmonds
Clayton, NC

From: [Lynn Jenkins](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
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Because people need reassurance that the election system is sound, I recommend that:

- The State Board of Election requires that the County Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate.
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you,

Lynn Jenkins
Concerned voter in Cary, NC

From: [Lisa Welde](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
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Dear NC State Board of Elections,

Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because there is not sufficient oversight with signature verification and it is too easy to tamper with ballots with lax rules.

I strongly recommend that:

The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).

County Boards of Election be able to exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter.

Thank you for your consideration in this critical matter.

Lisa Welde

From: villeemark@gmail.com
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I believe that Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because ensuring voter integrity is the foundation of a country's democracy. A country that does not provide voter integrity will no longer have a government of the people, for the people and by the people. It is the governments' duty and responsibility to guarantee a fair election! Voter integrity laws that ensures only one vote per person will greatly help to prevent voter fraud and ensure that a legally cast vote is NOT disenfranchised by an illegally cast vote.

I strongly recommend that:

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.
-Mark Villee

From: [Debra McCauley](#)
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because _____.

I strongly believe:

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).

- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration. Please listen to the citizens of North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Debra McCauley
4140 English Garden Way
Raleigh, NC 27612

From: [Jeffrey Symm](#)
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Hello,

Signature verification for absentee voting must be required to keep our elections fair and honest.

I strongly recommend that

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- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Symm

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Greetings:

Signature verification for absentee voting must be required to keep our elections fair and honest.

I strongly recommend that

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- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ann Symm

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ann Symm

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Absentee Voting

Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because it ensures every legitimate, legal vote counts and can help decrease the potential for voter fraud.

I strongly recommend that

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- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Lisa Ney, Davidson, NC

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As a concerned North Carolina voter I would strongly recommend that:

- The State Board of Election requires that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Dwight Neas
1209 Mauldin Cir
Wake Forest, NC 27587

From: [Lisa M. Roberts, MD](#)
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Dear NC Board of Elections:

To ensure the integrity of each ballot, I strongly recommend that:

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because the general population is losing confidence in the integrity of our elections. There is significant evidence that, at a minimum, causes concern for election integrity from the last several elections. As a country and as a state, we must make an effort to ensure fair and secure elections without signs of impropriety.

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).

- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard Smith
5705 Thistleton Ln
Raleigh, NC 27606

From: [Jan Yokeley](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
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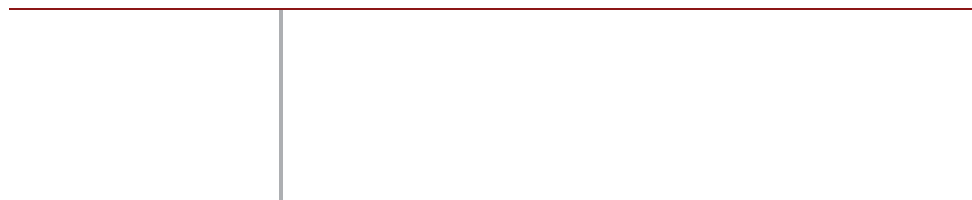
Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because

To avoid voter irregularities and to instill voter integrity, I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Jan R. Yokeley, MBA
Dobson, North Carolina 27017



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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required.

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- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Marian Buis

From: [Stephanie Krzich](#)
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because it's essential to restore trust in the election process and it helps keeps fraud out.

I strongly recommend that:

- The State BoE require that the County BoE compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it ought be set at 95% effective rate.
- County BOEs be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Have a good day,
Steph Krzich
Newport, NC
920.372.3300

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To whom it may concern,

Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because it is clear from current statutes and is in the best interest of all parties. Dilution of a vote due to current statutes not being followed with all available resources would be a tragedy.

I strongly recommend that:

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration,

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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required in order to prevent voter fraud.

I strongly recommend:

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- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Ingrid Streisand
Brunswick County, NC

From: [Joel king](#)
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required to restore the public trust in the election process.

My wife died in March of 2007. She never lived at my current address. Prior to the 2020 general election, I received multiple voter registration forms from **The Center for Voter Information** addressed to my late wife at my current address. This organization claims to be non-partisan, but reviewing their web page, it is obvious they are a partisan organization. The postage was paid by an out-of-state postal permit from Lansdale, PA.

The intent of these mailing appear to encourage deceased people to register to vote in North Carolina elections. Additionally, mass mailings with pre-filled voter registration forms encourage fraudulent registrations and requests for absentee ballots.

Absentee voting should only be allowed with an accepted excuse, such as being away from their home county on election day, working during polling hours or having a disability.

I strongly recommend that:

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- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

| Joel W. King | phone: 919-886-5635 | email:
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From: [Colleen Miller](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because voter integrity is at the heart of free and fair elections. Voters will become disenfranchised if there are no attempts, to scrutinize voter signatures on absentee ballot request forms and absentee ballot return envelopes, to determine whether to count those ballots in NC elections.

I strongly recommend that:

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for protecting the election process.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Miller

From: [Mary R](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required, and is essential, for election integrity. This will enable absentee ballot submissions to be compared against the voter's original voter registration records. Other methods may be circumvented more easily.

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration on this extremely important election integrity matter.

Regards,
Mary Roy
Stem, NC / Granville County

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Mary Roy
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mcroy7@gmail.com

From: [Kenneth L. Carrico, Ph.D.](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required, because it is the responsible course of action in order to assure voter identity and accordingly, integrity, the most basic mission of the State Board of Elections; therefore,

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Kenneth L. Carrico, Ph.D.
4411 NC 181, Morganton, NC 28655
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"In God We Trust!"

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make His face (Visio Dei) shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." Numbers 6: 24-26.

From: [Al Baldy](#)
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because it is essential that the person applying for absentee voting is who they say they are. Otherwise there is too much opportunity for fraudulent votes being cast.

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Al Baldy
8825 Gotherstone Court
Raleigh, NC 27615

From: [Ken Adrian](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
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- I advocate for the following:
The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration

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Blessings,
Ken Adrian
Rolesville NC

From: [Jim Walsh](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because NC Law currently REQUIRES an absentee voter to CONFIRM their identity by having either two witnesses or a notary attest that the voter completed their ballot.

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Jim Walsh, Cary NC, Precinct 04-03

From: [malcolm mack](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
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- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Malcolm L. Mack, BS, MSPH
Landis, NC

From: [Michael Gross](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
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I also completed the form on the [2022 Public Comment Period on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting](#) page.

Why doesn't the NCSBE already require this of the counties? This is such a common sense measure to ensure against the disenfranchisement of legally cast ballots. I strongly request that:

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

—*Michael R. Gross*
Matthews, NC

From: [Michael Gross](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
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Why doesn't the NCSBE already require this of the counties? This is such a common sense measure to ensure against the disenfranchisement of legally cast ballots. I strongly recommend that:

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

—*Michael R. Gross*
Matthews, NC

From: [Evetta Sharpe](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
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Signature verification must be required for all absentee voting to ensure legal votes were cast and only legal votes are counted. Signature verification is another layer of protection from massive amounts of foul play by detecting reoccurring fraud then preventing the fraudulent votes into the counting pool.

Please consider my urgent requests:

- The State Board of Election must require that the County Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents found in their office files to the voter's signature on request forms for absentee ballot and absentee return envelopes. Consider if signature comparison software is utilized, it must be set at 95% effective rate per the recommendation by the Heritage Foundation for ensuring a clean signature match.
- Additionally, the County Boards of Election must "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Respectively
Evetta Watson
Elkin, NC

Sent from my iPad

From: [Katie Gates](#)
To: [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#); [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
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Dear sirs,

Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because this 2020 State Board of Election policy that states, "the voter's signature should not be compared with the voter's signature on file because this is not required by North Carolina law", contradicts our state law. State law requires the security and integrity of absentee ballots by requiring two witness signatures or a notary signature. This SBE 2020 policy should ever have been accepted not put into practice without checks and balances or further explanation

As a voter and resident of NC, I strongly recommend that:

1. The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
2. County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Katie Gates

Wilmington, NC

From: [Emily Shelton](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because we need more secure elections.

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Emily Shelton
Apex, NC

From: [Tori Chenault](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
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Good morning,

Signature verification for absentee voting must be required to regain the public's trust in the election process. There are too many questions that have arisen due to lack of signature verification and overall lack of chain of custody and unclear processes for local, state, and federal elections. Help restore the public's trust.

Please move forward with:

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes.
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Sincerely,

Victoria (Tori) Chenault
251-635-7500

From: [susan bertuccelli](#)
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required to protect our elections.

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Bertuccelli

Graham, NC

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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because

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I strongly recommend that

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- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Jessica Streamo
Wake Forest

Jessica Streamo, PATH Intl. CTRI
Equine Services for Heroes Specialist
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hero [heer-oh] noun, a person noted for courageous acts or nobility of character

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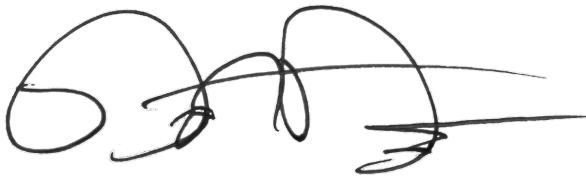
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Signature verification against signature on file for absentee voting must be required because every reasonable means should be used to secure our elections.

I strongly recommend that:

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brent R Brian', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Brent R Brian

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Clayton, NC 27520

(919) 247-6109

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Dear NCSBE,

Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because anyone can submit an absentee ballot request, by looking up public information data on people who don't normally vote and use those names. In local, low volume races this could mean enough votes to swing the election.

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Diana Locki

Apex

From: [Laura Gutman](#)
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- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Laura Gutman, Durham, NC

From: [John Posthill](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because not doing so invites and encourages absentee ballot manipulation and harvesting -- a particularly loathsome method of voter and election fraud -- like we all saw in Bladen County, North Carolina in 2016 and 2018. In 2018, this type of fraud completely blew up a Congressional race, which needed to be redone entirely, it was so manifestly destructive.

We can have no confidence in your willingness to run a clean election until you get this right.

I strongly recommend that:

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration and please keep me informed of your actions taken in this matter.

John B. Posthill
Mebane, North Carolina

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Dear Board Members at NCSBE:

Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because an honest & secure ballot is fundamental to keeping our nation strong in the eyes of the world.

I strongly recommend that:

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).

- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

William G Pfeiffer
11909 Straight A way Lane
Raleigh, NC 27613-7105

From: [Teresa M. Boland](#)
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Dear State Board of Election Team,

There is NO good reason why Signature Verification for Absentee Voting should NOT be required and I strongly recommend that:

1. The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
2. County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Teresa Boland
Apex, NC Resident

From: [Susan Moreno](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because election integrity is at stake. Just like a will or power of attorney, absentee ballot signature must be verified to ensure it matches the registered voters signature.

I strongly recommend that

The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).

County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan K Moreno
Clarendon, NC

From: [FRED MORENO](#)
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I strongly recommend that

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County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Fredrick J Moreno
Clarendon, NC

Fred Moreno
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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required election integrity is paramount.

I strongly recommend that:

1. The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
2. County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you,

Brian
19-14 Precinct Chair
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From: [Dan and Molly Schubert](#)
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To Members of the NCSBE:

We are not only requesting, we are urging the State Board of Election to require the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents, which are on file in their office, to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes.

In addition, we are requesting and urging that every county Boards of Election retain all mailing envelopes and attach each to the ballot, never separating nor discarding the envelopes.

The fact that a NC law advocates for Verification of Signature on Absentee Ballots is not the only reason that Verification of Signatures should be required. Even common sense should tell everyone, regardless of party or position, that dishonesty and fraud do exist in the world, our country, and yes even in NC.

Therefore, every absentee ballot received across the state by the NC Board of Elections should never be accepted until signature verification has been completed and it has been absolutely verified that the signature provided on an absentee's return envelope is actually that of the person who requested the absentee ballot.

Respectfully,
Dan and Molly Schubert
Raleigh, NC

From: [Brandy Sullivan](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Public comment / I oppose changes
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 6:16:17 PM

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Hello,

I'm a registered voter in Apex, 27539. I strongly oppose any changes to voting via mail in ballot. This is yet another example of voter suppression!

I oppose the request by the NC Republican Party for the State Board to “authorize county boards of elections to scrutinize voter signatures on absentee ballot request forms and absentee ballot return envelopes, to determine whether to count those ballots in North Carolina elections.”

EVEN THOUGH: North Carolina law currently requires an absentee voter to confirm their identity by having two witnesses or a notary attest that the voter completed their ballot. This request seeks an additional layer of verification for absentee voters.

Registered voter & watching closely!

Brandy Sullivan

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Eileen Bowsman](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Public comment on Signature verification on absentee ballots.
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 9:04:10 PM

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I petition the State Board of Elections to require verifying the ballot signature with the one held at the Board of elections offices through out the state. This is needed for true and honest elections and to restore confidence in our election process. I question the use of software to do this as it is easily tampered with. If it would be used it would need 95% effective rate. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Eileen Bowsman
321 Ridge View Drive
Asheville, NC 28803

From: deweydefalco@gmail.com
To: deweydefalco@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Public comment on mail in ballot request signatures
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 9:17:06 AM

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This has to do with mail in ballots. I urge the State Board of Election require the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file to the voter's signature on the request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate as recommended. County Boards of Election should be able to *"exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."*

Thank you,
Dewey DeFalco
Reidsville, NC 27320

From: [Kim Hayes](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Public comment re: signature verification for absentee voting
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 12:58:11 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

This call for signature verification for absentee voting is absurd. An absentee voter must have two witnesses verify their validity. That should be adequate, and in fact has been adequate for years. My mother, in her late 80's and early 90's, suffered from arthritis in her hands and was legally blind due to macular degeneration. Her signature (the one she used to sign her absentee voter ballot) did not look like her signature a decade earlier. If signature verification were to be employed in upcoming elections, I'm guessing her vote would be invalidated. Luckily, Mom died before all this ridiculousness began. She would have been appalled.

Please, people, trust voters to be honest and to go by the existing rules. They've done it for years. And if this is just a way for the Republican party to roadblock voting and keep people away from the polls - shame.

Sincerely,
Kim Hayes
Weaverville, NC

From: [Lynn](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] REJECT Error-prone and burdensome "signature match" process
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 1:23:31 PM

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North Carolina already has a reliable system for voting absentee. Under current law, voters must have two witnesses – or a notary public – confirm their identity when casting a ballot by mail. Our state’s process for voting absentee is fair, secure and it’s proven to work.

But now the NC Republican Party wants to change that by placing an unfair burden on the growing number of North Carolinians who opt to vote absentee by mail. This unnecessary “signature-match” process would look at someone’s signature on their voter registration form – possibly filled out decades before – and compare it to the voter’s current signature on their absentee ballot. That would leave it to human error and unequal standards to decide which ballots should count.

Such an unclear process could especially hurt older voters and disabled North Carolinians, whose handwriting may have changed since they registered to vote years before.

The push by the NC Republican Party to impose a deeply flawed “signature-match” process would be a strain on North Carolinians and election administrators, while doing nothing to strengthen our voting system.

The Republican Party's request should be rejected by the State Board of Elections.

Lynn Schwartz
Raleigh, NC

From: ncjohnwhite@gmail.com
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] RE: Proposal for County Elections Board Members to Verify Signatures on Absentee Ballots
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 2:21:39 PM

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Gentlemen and ladies:

I write to oppose, in strongest terms, the concept of having county election board members serve as hand-writing experts. There is no evidence that signature matching will lessen possible voter fraud. Indeed, there is no evidence of voter fraud. The North Carolina voter fraud that did occur was in North Carolina's 9th district and was created by GOP operatives. Signature matching would not have prevented Bladen County case.

The few hand-writing experts testify at trials. I am not aware of any educational courses that produce hand-writing experts. The concept is flawed.

As a 78-year-old senior citizen, I can tell you that my signature has changed in the past 20 years. I would not like to be disenfranchised by some well-meaning election board member, who noticing my changed hand-writing, says "no" for my vote.

In conclusion, ...

- There is no demonstrated (by evidence) need for signature matching.
- The concept is flawed—our county election board members are not hand-writing experts.
- This proposal must be politically inspired – to disenfranchise selective voters.

I urge you to reject this concept.

Thank you for your service,

John White

5407 Springfield Drive

Raleigh, NC 27609

ncjohnwhite@gmail.com

From: [John Donald](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Cc: [Judy](#)
Subject: [External] Re: absentee ballot signature verification
Date: Friday, July 1, 2022 9:27:20 AM

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ABSOLUTELY - hell yes. Verify absentee ballot signatures. Absentee ballot processes are ripe for cheating and the public knows this - it greatly erodes public confidence in our election processes, and an excellent way to improve our confidence levels would be signature verification.

DO IT.
Respy,
Don Seibel,
Morganton

From: [Lori Abbott](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Re: public comment on requiring signature verification
Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 3:35:38 PM

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I do not believe it is a good idea to require signature verification when you already require notaries to verify. My niece had her signature questioned, and others have had the same problem, because each time you sign your name it is not an exact match. So no do not throw at ballots!

Thank you.
Camden, NC

From: [Rachel Phillips](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Reject Absentee voting signature matching
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 2:22:09 PM

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As a registered voter in Holly Springs, NC, I DO NOT support a signature match. This unjustly targets elderly voters and disabled voters, whose fine motor skills may waver and cause their signature to change over time. I know even my signature has changed from when I first got married until now, when I am more used to my name change and my signature evolved in efficiency. The current absentee process requiring two witnesses or a notary public is secure and efficient and needs no additional, inefficient adjustments.

Reject this overly burdensome, inefficient change to voting by absentee ballots.

Rachel Phillips
Holly Springs, NC

From: [Blair Justice](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Reject Signature Match
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 8:41:40 AM

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Please do not allow signature match on absentee voting. My own signature has changed since I registered to vote almost 50 years ago. How can others not? What about people like my brother who has MS. His signature certainly changed.

This is a costly and error prone idea. We already have safeguards in place. Reject this plan!

Thank you.

Blair Justice

Hendersonville, NC

From: [Caleb Ponton](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Reject Signature Requirements on Ballots!
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 11:01:33 AM

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Signature matching is an unreliable and discriminatory method of discarding valid votes that disproportionately impacts vulnerable voters. Research in other states has shown that ballots from Black, Indigenous, Latinx, disabled, and elderly voters are disproportionately rejected at higher rates.--

Caleb Ponton
Development Associate
Democracy North Carolina
(919) 908-7937

From: [Catherine Marie](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Reject the signature-match proposal for absentee voting
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 2:06:46 PM

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Hello,

The unnecessary “signature-match” process would look at someone’s signature on their voter registration form – possibly filled out decades before – and compare it to the voter’s current signature on their absentee ballot. That would leave it to human error and unequal standards to decide which ballots should count.

Such an unclear process could especially hurt older voters and disabled North Carolinians, whose handwriting may have changed since they registered to vote years before.

The push by the NC Republican Party to impose a deeply flawed “signature-match” process would be a strain on North Carolinians and election administrators, while doing nothing to strengthen our voting system. The Republican Party’s request should be rejected by the State Board of Elections!

Sincerely,
Catherine Marie

From: [Sherry Porter](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Republican New Voting Proposals
Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022 6:17:09 PM

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This voting proposal is unbelievable and unamerican. If the Republicans do this, older, disabled and armed forces will not be able to vote with all their stipulations. I thought every American had the right to vote! What happened to the Freedom to Vote Act?

Sherry Porter

From: [John Dorsey](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Republican Party Proposed Law On Sepearate Committee to Verify Accuracy of Absentee Voters"
Signatures on Ballott Even after two parties or a Notary Public have Verified the Signatre
Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022 3:47:19 PM

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This Republican proposed law is another attempt of de-selection of valid signatures on Absentee ballots. Just another political power attempt to limit democracy in our North Carolina republic. No one can deny that as a human bedbug ages the stye of his / her signature may change because (1) they no longer use cursive writing very often, (2) they are in a hurry, (3) they have injured their hand, (4) at that moment, they quickly make a slight error in their script, etc.

As far as I am aware, current N. C. State Election laws regarding validation of signatures on absentee ballots are sound and very effective. I am not aware of any statistical factual degree of fraud occurring using the current law from the election processes in N. C.

Deny this brazen Republican attempt to restrict legitimate, credible voting by N. C. citizens. Thanks, John M.Dorsey Phone: 704-246-6619, 636 Birch View Drive, Apt. I33, Matthews, N. C. 28105

From: [Smith-Nonini, Sandy C.](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Republican proposal to require "signature matching" for NC absentee ballots
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 8:59:43 AM

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Comment:

I implore you to reject the request to add 'signature matching' as a requirement for absentee ballot acceptance. There are questions as whether the NC State Board of Elections has the power to add this requirement in the first place. Such a change would introduce a highly subjective criteria for votes eligibility which would be prone to abuse. It would likely become a tool to disproportionately target and challenge minority voters in violation of equal protection and due process. Signatures often vary – and there is no requirement that they be uniform for a signature to serve as a legally valid contract. In fact, many citizens have signatures that are illegible. Many elderly and/or disabled people have difficulty signing documents. Investigations of voter fraud have repeatedly shown the hysteria about this affecting elections is a red herring. To nullify a citizen's right to vote based upon some person's subjective judgment that the signatures don't 'match' is more evidence that the main goal of Republicans today is to undermine democracy in the name of corporate and elite rule.

Sandy Smith-Nonini

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Film: Dis.em.POWER.ed: Puerto Rico's Perfect Storm -Trailer: <https://www.disempoweredfilm.com>
Full film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7CY9g9H4kT0>

Book: Healing the Body Politic: El Salvador's Popular Struggle for Health Rights from Civil War to Neoliberal Peace <https://www.rutgersuniversitypress.org/healing-the-body-politic/9780813547367>

From: [Audrey Esposito](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Republican wish for more verification of absentee ballots
Date: Sunday, June 19, 2022 9:04:40 PM

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The State board's current guidance to county boards of elections is not to use signature Verification in the consideration of absentee returns. NC is one of few states with state law 163-231, where each absentee by mail voter must have two witnesses or a notary attest that the voter completed their ballot in the presence of witness. Verification of voter identity is completed through witness requirement.

The Republican request of an additional layer of verification is unnecessary and in reality a form of voter intimidation.

I agree with comments made by Bob Phillips.

As a member of the League of Women Voters of Dare and LWVNC, we work to encourage voters and inform them of the voting process.

Audrey Esposito
LWV Dare Board Member

From: [Bernie Fox](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Request by Republican Party for Declaratory ruling concerning absentee ballots
Date: Sunday, June 26, 2022 10:30:21 PM

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I want to comment in support of the Republican Party request for a declaratory ruling authorizing county board of elections to scrutinize voter signatures on absentee ballot requests and absentee ballot return envelopes . It adds another layer of security on absentee ballots and will help to prevent voter fraud in this very sensitive area.

From: [Bennis Blue](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Request for Comment Form Re: Absentee Ballots
Date: Sunday, June 19, 2022 12:59:03 PM

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From: [Julia Merricks](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Requirement for additional signature verification for absentee ballots
Date: Monday, July 4, 2022 1:25:58 PM

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Please reject the request to require signature matching for absentee ballots. This subjective requirement would lead to the rejection of otherwise legitimate ballots. Research in other states has shown that signature matching disproportionately and unfairly impacts Black, Latinx, other People of Color, disabled, and elderly voters, whose ballots are rejected at higher rates.

Local elections officials already verify signatures by requiring two witnesses. Signature matching is not a useful addition to the voting process.

Signature matching is not a state law requirement, and therefore, I don't believe that the NC BOE have the power to do this.

Finally, and personally, I know that my signature can vary from day to day, depending on my health, my energy-level, and even the type of pen/paper I'm using.

Nullifying a citizen's right to vote based upon the subjective judgment that the signatures don't match makes no sense, and will lead to the unjust denial of our right to vote.

Sincerely,

Julia Merricks
7208 Catamount Ct N
Raleigh, NC 27615

From: [Shirley Fowler](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Ridiculous ruling. Should not be passed by BOE!
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 4:51:45 PM

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From: [Donald Parker](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Rule Change Proposal
Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022 6:35:32 PM

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The NC State Board of Elections (NCSBE) should NOT violate its authority by tossing North Carolinians' legitimate ballots for the upcoming midterm election. Local elections officials already verify signatures by requiring two witnesses. An additional signature verification requirement is unnecessary.

If enacted, this would authorize county boards of elections to scrutinize voter signatures on absentee ballot request forms and absentee ballot return envelopes, leading to thousands of otherwise legitimate ballots being rejected and tossed out.

Katharine Parker
Brevard, NC

From: [Sally Estes](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Rule concerning signatures on absentee ballots
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 3:02:58 PM

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I am a registered voter in Brunswick County and am very concerned about the proposed ruling concerning the Board of Elections comparing signatures on absentee ballots with those on file. Two witnesses or a notary public are already required which should be sufficient. Comparing signatures signed years apart does not take into consideration changes in handwriting due to advanced age(one reason for voting absentee), neurological changes such as a stroke affecting the dominant hand, or even neuromuscular degenerative diseases. I have a friend with Frederick's Ataxia whose handwriting is very different from years ago, yet his mind is great and he always votes. Unless handwriting specialists are used, the determination is left up to an amateur.

Please don't make it harder for people to vote.

Sarah Estes
9048 Sea Lane SW
Sunset Beach, NC 28468

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jerry Stubberfield](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Cc: [Debbie J. Stubberfield](#)
Subject: [External] Rulemaking regarding signature comparisons on absentee ballots
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 2:24:52 PM

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I am a 78 year old retired engineer. I've never had great handwriting but at least my numbers were legible. Now I struggle with both and from one day to the next my handwriting can look very different. Now there are times that my handwriting is barely legible and other times it is not legible at all. It is almost unpredictable when I start writing which way it will be. I am totally against enacting a law that may cancel out my vote, and probably thousands of others.

This seems to be a continuation of the fears put forward by Donald Trump with his false claims of a stolen election. This is just another step to move us further away from our democracy.

DO NOT MAKE IT HARDER FOR CITIZENS TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS!

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Jerry Stubberfield
919 605 5408 (cell)

From: [Julia Kennerly](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] SBOE Public Comment
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 4:36:40 PM

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Hello,

I'm taking this opportunity to comment on the proposed signature matching rule change for absentee ballots in North Carolina. I hope this rule does not pass. My father-in-law registered to vote at his current address in 2006. Due to a progressing hand tremor his signature has significantly changed over the years. Due to his age, his is also likely to use a mail-in ballot. We all hate the idea that his vote may be thrown out because of a poor match. Even my signature has changed since I registered to vote at my current address 8 years ago. It used to be very precise and has loosened considerably. I think the implementation of this proposed rule change and the burden it will place on our county board of elections members are very problematic. Please do not allow this rule change to pass.

Thank you,

Julia M. Kennerly
29 Eastview Dr.
Brevard, NC 28712

From: [John Cain](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] SUBJECT: Public Comment on Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 9:19:39 AM

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I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).

- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration. Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because it makes a secure election process that can be verified.

Sincerely,

John Cain

From: [Larry poelma](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 2:35:31 PM

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Please reject the signature proposal for absentee voting. It is not needed!!! In fact it appears to be an attempt to reduce legitimate voting.

Larry Poelma
Charlotte NC

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Casey Houseknecht](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Comparison
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 11:01:32 AM

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Please do not bow to the Republican Party's push to put up more barriers for law abiding citizens to vote in all elections. Voting by mail helps many of us who's work schedules/PTO make exercising our Constitutional right to vote extremely difficult if not impossible. There are a plethora of reasons that citizens choose to vote by mail, and ALL ARE LEGITIMATE! The only reason that the NC GOP is attempting to restrict and/or rescind the method of voting is because it is yet one more avenue that they are able to control WHO gets to vote and WHO ultimately gets the power. This is as unAmerican as it gets. Board of Elections, citizens of North Carolina, I beg of you, do NOT let any one political party silence our voices. The Gerrymandering, systematic closing/condensing of polling sites and bully-tactics that the GOP has used in our state are not only unDemocratic, they're a national embarrassment. Shame on you NC Republican Party!

From: [Lisa Grafstein](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Match Comments
Date: Friday, July 1, 2022 2:01:37 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[DRNC Signature Match Comments.pdf](#)

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Attached please find Disability Rights NC's comments on the request for rulemaking regarding signature matching.

Please let me know if you should have any questions.

Thank you!

Lisa



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From: [Corlis Sellers](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Match Proposal for Absentee Ballots
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 9:27:05 PM

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For the record, I oppose the proposal to require a signature match for absentee ballots.
The current process as fine and should remain the same.
Thank you.
Corlis Sellers
Registered NC Voter

From: [Ruby Coughenour](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Match
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 1:32:19 PM

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I believe a signature match is subject to human error. The current requirement for two witnesses works. I urge you to reject this request.

Sincerely,
Ruby Coughenour
Winston-Salem

From: [mtprod \(null\)](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Match
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 9:26:01 PM

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No signature match! Why do you want to stop people from voting?

Do Republicans think the only way they can win is for to cheat?

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From: [Ann Sargent](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Matching - Is this another attempt to suppress the vote?
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 2:44:20 PM

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The NC Republican Party is demanding the NC State Board of Elections (NCSBE) violate its authority, experience, and equitable standards by tossing North Carolinians' legitimate ballots for the upcoming midterm election. Local elections officials already verify signatures by requiring two witnesses. This additional signature verification requirement is unnecessary and would result in extra costs to local boards of elections which are already underfunded by the legislature. This is a solution in search of a problem that doesn't exist.

- "I have served as a poll worker in past elections, and I know how hard our jobs are already. It is not fair to place yet another job onto election officials when they are already underfunded and overworked."

Signature matching is an unreliable and discriminatory method of discarding valid votes that disproportionately impacts vulnerable voters. Research in other states has shown that ballots from Black, Indigenous, Latinx, disabled, and elderly voters are disproportionately rejected at higher rates.

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS

Sincerely
Ann Sargent

From: [Tom Leonard](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Matching
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 3:35:20 PM

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Signature matching is absurd. Signatures haven't been used in grocery stores, at gas stations or most department stores for years. If you asked me to sign my name 10 times you'd get 10 different signatures. Please stop trying to fix a problem that doesn't exist.

Sincerely,
Tom Leonard

From: [Lisa Thomas](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Validation for Voting - Public Input
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 1:29:18 PM

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Hello --

Responding to the request for public comment. My husband and I are **100% in favor of having signatures double checked and validated on absentee ballots**. We've voted absentee ballots for many years after getting tired of waiting in long lines to vote. It has become too easy for people to fraudulently vote.

We're also 100% in favor of requiring a photo ID to vote --- it's ridiculous not to, considering the amount of voter fraud that has taken place nationwide in recent years. There's nothing discriminatory or racist about requiring a photo ID --- it's needed for many credit card purchases, getting bank loans, key documents authorized by a notary, buying liquor, buying firearms, new employer requirements, buying a car and many more things. People of all races can get a photo ID or driver's license and it should absolutely be a basic requirement for people to vote.

The public has lost faith in fair elections over the last couple of years (or more) and that needs to change.

Lisa Thomas

From: [Lynn](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 3:25:38 PM

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Please implement a REQUIRED signature verification for voting in North Carolina. And better yet, require photo ID!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jim and Kathy Swanson](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification
Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022 10:45:25 AM

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I am fully in favor of signature verification. I am also strongly in favor of voter ID checks when voting in person. Everyone has some form of ID!!

I am strongly not in favor of distributing ballots for mail in.... Only absentee ballots by request.

Let's keep elections fair. God Bless America, James Swanson

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Neil Schunke](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification Needed
Date: Monday, July 4, 2022 4:09:05 PM

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Our state and National security depends on secure elections. Validating signatures is a basic first step. Ideally every vote should be in person with a valid photo ID as we voted in. We have just experienced the effects of voter fraud in 2020. May we never let it happen again in our great state.

Neil Schunke
Marion NC

Sent from my iPhone

From: [GinA Moffitt](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Monday, July 4, 2022 3:14:24 PM

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I want to comment that I agree with the Republican Party's request that in addition to confirming that a voter's absentee ballot was properly witnessed we should also allow county boards of elections to compare the signature on an absentee document with the voter's signature on their voter registration documents, which are kept on file with the county boards. The county boards should be able to exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter.

Georgina G. Moffitt
Registered Voter in Atkinson Precinct
Henderson County, NC

From: [Lucy ..Jordan](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 2:42:31 PM

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To Whom it May Concern:

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Lucy Jordan
4624 Gamelyn Walk
Raleigh, NC 27612

From: [Chris Wakeman](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 11:13:39 AM

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I am writing to request that signature verification be REQUIRED for all absentee ballots.

Having seen identity theft and attempted financial theft.

It is a must to protect our most sacred American right to vote.

I have witnessed people tell others that they voted as someone else.

This should not happen. Ever.

By requiring signature verification on absentee ballots this cannot happen.

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Chris Wakeman

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From: ginger.merkle
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification for Absentee Ballots
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 9:19:04 AM

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Signature verification for absentee voting is critical to ensure the integrity of our election process in North Carolina's.

I strongly concur with enforcing the requirement to validate signatures on absentee ballots.

- The State Board of Election should require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).

Thank you for your consideration.

Virginia Merkle
7533 Stony Hill Rd
Wake Forest NC 27587
919-414-3967

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Lindsay Baker](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Circosta, Damon](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 2:59:00 AM

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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because for the last seven-and-a-half years my husband and I have voted in North Carolina, our signatures have been hijacked by other people. My vote—and only my personal vote—needs to COUNT under my name and address/ID.

I strongly recommend that at least two identifiable signatures should be notarized as witnesses to the signature of anyone utilizing a mail-n ballot in North Carolina. I also respectfully request the requirement of voter identification for in-person ballots. Too much fraud has occurred in our state without it. We must have ID to: drive, rent a hotel room, visit a doctor, receive state and federal benefits, etc. Voting should be no different.

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Lindsay Baker
423 Fern Hill Dr.
Franklin, NC 28734

From: [Dan and Molly Schubert](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification for Absentee Ballots
Date: Sunday, June 19, 2022 6:52:46 PM

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To Members of the NCSBE:

The fact that a NC law advocates for Verification of Signature on Absentee Ballots is not the only reason that Verification of Signatures should be required. Even common sense should tell everyone, regardless of party or position, that dishonesty and fraud do exist in the world, our country, and yes even in NC.

Therefore, every absentee ballot received across the state by the NC Board of Elections should never be accepted until signature verification has been completed.

Thus, we are requesting and urging the State Board of Election to require the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents, which are on file in their office, to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes.

In addition, we are requesting and urging that every county Boards of Election retain all mailing envelopes and attach each to the ballot, never separating nor discarding the envelopes.

Respectfully,
Dan and Molly Schubert
Raleigh, NC

From: [jk.ish](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Friday, July 1, 2022 3:08:53 PM

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How can this even be a topic for discussion - it should be done. This will improve confidence in our elections.

**Judy Ishikura
Morganton, NC**

From: [Lisa Hines](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Cc: shhines@msn.com
Subject: [External] Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 9:24:47 PM

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Dear NC State Board of Elections,

I am writing to you during the public comment period on the issue of signature verification for absentee voting to let you know my opinion. I am in favor of local Board of Elections (BOE) verifying signatures for absentee ballots because I feel this will legitimize each vote and make our elections fair and free of deceit.

By authorizing county BOE's to inspect voter signatures on absentee ballot return envelopes, as well as ballot request forms, to determine whether to count those ballots in NC elections, it would show that the NC SBOE is doing more than the bare minimum to make sure ballots in NC are genuinely good. I want free and fair elections in NC and signature verification can help accomplish that.

Thank you from an Alexander County registered voter.

Lisa Kale Hines
[250 Golf Course Lane](#)
[Taylorsville, NC 28681](#)

Voter Reg Num: 000000212484

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Scott Hines](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Cc: [Lisa Hines](#); [Jack Simms](#); [Patrick Wike](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 8:35:28 AM

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Thank you from an Alexander County registered voter,

Scott Hines
250 Golf Course Lane
Taylorsville, NC 28681

Voter Registration Number 000000208521

From: [Cathy McGill](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification for Absentee Voting Proposal
Date: Sunday, June 26, 2022 5:33:02 PM

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I disagree with the needed for a signature on the envelope. This step is unnecessary with the two witness signatures. This is a step that is likely to be missed or misunderstood by voters of all socio-economic levels but especially those less educated or harried by having to work multiple jobs-thus unwittingly disenfranchising voters. Please voting is a right of all eligible voters-don't make it a test of attention to a superfluous detail.

Cathy McGill
1621 Lakeview Ct
Ocean Isle Beach NC 28469
543-280-2729

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Patrick Malloy](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 8:02:26 AM

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I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

From: [Joann Ballard](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 7:46:17 PM

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I HIGHLY recommend that ALL Signatures on ALL Absentee Ballots be verified and I also HIGHLY recommend that folks need to be encouraged to vote IN PERSON with a VALID ID. This is a COMMON SENSE approach to have a fair election. THANKS for considering this ! Fred Ballard - 48 Lawzyday Farm Dr. Hiddenite, NC 28636

From: [Nancy Briganti](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 1:57:18 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of North Carolina (Carolina Shores, Brunswick County), I am OPPOSED to adding the unnecessary layer of having county boards of elections compare signatures of absentee voters with signatures the boards have on file. This step is unnecessary because absentee voters already have to have the signatures of two witnesses or a notary public attest to the authenticity of the vote. Also, it is far too subjective to have such a decision made by one or two individuals on a county board. It opens up the possibility of bias and corruption on the part of members of the county board.

Sincerely,
Nancy Briganti

946 Par Court
Carolina Shores, NC 28467
910-579-1272

From: [nydd40](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 9:57:35 AM

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All Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because it prevents voter fraud.

I strongly recommend that

The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).

County Boards of Election be able to exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter.

Thank you for your consideration

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sandi Keller](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification for Absentee Voting
Date: Monday, July 4, 2022 4:50:49 PM

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To whom it may concern:

As a North Carolina citizen, I feel very strongly that our election standards should be above reproach. To ask for a signature verification can be time consuming however the stakes are too high to go with convenience. With all the public outcry from the 2020 election still ringing across the country, it would give peace of mind to the citizens of our state that we are doing everything humanly possible to assure a fair and honest election.

I am an election judge. I have several steps I perform while serving to assure fairness and honesty. And honesty is the benchmark our state should stand. Verifying signatures for something as important as an election shouldn't even be in question.

I urge you as a citizen of this great state to rule signature verification as a necessary step in processing absentee ballots.

Sincerely,

Sandi Stegall
Hiddenite, NC

From: [Chris Carlson](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification on Mail in Ballots
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 10:28:24 AM

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Dear Rule Makers,
Signature verification of absentee voters is already in place. Therefore, this Republican illegal tactic is obvious. They want ballots, in certain zip codes and submitted by people who may vote against them, to be rejected. Why is this even being considered?
Sincerely,
Christine Carlson
101 Copperline Dr. Apt. L
Chapel Hill, NC. 27516

From: [Elizabeth Woodman](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification will lead to disenfranchisement
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 8:44:52 PM

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To the NCSBE:

I urge you to reject the Republicans' so-called Signature Verification for Absentee Voting. This sounds like a ploy to throw away as many Democratic votes as they can. Please uphold the rights of all North Carolinians to vote and to have our votes count.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Woodman
Hillsborough, NC

From: [Natalie Heling](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 3:54:59 PM

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Dear Sir or Madame,

I am very concerned that increased requirements for signature verification in elections will not strengthen the system, but will result in many legitimate ballots being thrown out.

I am 78 years old, and my signature has changed quite a bit over the years. I am a passionate voter and would be devastated if my vote was deemed not to be valid.

North Carolina has an excellent record for having free, fair and transparent elections. Please don't spoil that record by requiring barriers that are aimed at a problem that does not exist

Thank you.

Natalie Heling
Cornelius, NC

From: [jerry risco](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 6:23:25 AM

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State Board,

I am writing to request that the State Board authorize the county board of elections to scrutinize voter signatures on absentee ballot request forms and absentee ballot return envelopes, at the very least, and determine whether to count those ballots in North Carolina elections. I WOULD PREFER PICTURE ID VERIFICATION.

This request seeks an additional layer of verification for absentee voters.

Thank you for your attention to this very important and critical issue.

From: [Cathy Infante](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Cc: [Cathy Infante](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 8:15:02 PM

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State Board,

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Thank you for your attention to this very important and critical issue.

Catherine Infante

Sent from my iPad

From: [elizabeth.wilkerson](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 5:12:54 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am not in favor of the Republican Party's request for the State Board to authorize county boards of elections to scrutinize voter signatures on absentee ballot request forms and absentee ballot return envelopes to determine whether to count those ballot in NC elections. As a 94 year old, partially blind woman, my hand writing changes with every signature, depending on the lighting, my arthritis, and other circumstances. Is my ballot to be tossed out by some inexperienced Board of Election Worker who decides my signatures don't match? What happened to every legal vote counts? Do I not count any longer because I am old and partially blind. This looks like a power grab and as someone who votes for a person not a party I am deeply offended. This kind of behavior makes me wonder what has happened to the Republican party?

Sincerely,

Frances Pepe

From: [Dave Molinaro](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 6:38:25 PM

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Dear Election Board,
Enough!
Signature verification is not needed.
Voter fraud does not abound.
Dave Molinaro
Charlotte

From: [Barbara Semke](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 9:40:34 AM

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YES!!! I strongly agree for signature verification on absentee ballots and return envelopes!!

From: [Steven Semke](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 8:37:44 AM

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I agree we should have better signature identification on absentee ballots.

From: [Judith Evans](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verification
Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022 6:31:27 PM

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To whom it may concern:

I understand that NC is considering signature verification for ballots. I am concerned that because I am elderly, my current signature may not match exactly my signature when I registered to vote. For this reason, I am against North Carolina adopting signature verification. I am confident the verification processes in place are more than adequate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Judith C Evans
137 Cotton Mill Circle
Edenton NC 27932

From: [Laura Bergman](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature Verified
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 3:04:05 PM

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Of course you must have signature verification. This is a no brainer. Do you want any one casting a ballot? Under age individuals? Non-citizens? Multiple submissions from the same person?

The process for verification must be followed and correct. If you do not have signature verification, you have a banana republic.

From: [Kathleen REBECK](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature comparison rule
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 4:34:17 PM

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I am going on record to oppose the comparison of signatures on absentee ballots as these ballots signatures are witnessed and notarized as to the identity of the voter signing. This is an unnecessary step and allows for subjective and potentially unfair rejection of ballots.

Voting should be made easier, not harder. We ALL have the right to vote.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Rebeck
1820 Baywater Ct SE
Bolivia, NC 28422

From: [Ken Stavlund](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature match absentee voting
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 4:08:59 PM

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Please do not pass this rule to signature match absentee votes. It is too easy to sway election results. All human interpretation. Thank your

From: [Cheryl Little](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature match for absentee ballots
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 3:18:38 PM

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Please DO NOT change the current process for absentee voting. I am a senior citizen and vote by absentee ballot because of concerns about Covid and previously because I travel in my retirement. My handwriting has changed over time, as it has for many other seniors who vote by absentee ballot for many of the same reasons as I do. This action might disenfranchise my vote, which is very important to me.

Cheryl Little

733 Pavilion View Dr. Apt C417

Matthews, NC 28105

Sent from my iPad

From: [Lenore Martin](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature match for absentee voters
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 5:08:03 PM

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Dear Legislators:

This idea is absolutely absurd. In my own family, one person's signature changed due to a stroke; another due to Parkinson's; And a third due to rheumatoid arthritis. How in the world is it fair to add another step and another barrier to participating in elections?

Your arguments are transparently exclusionary.

Stop arguing for signature matching.

Lenore Martin

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Lenore Martin
(919) 932-1221
lenore.s.martin@gmail.com

From: [Elizabeth](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature matching
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 4:54:33 PM

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To whom it may concern :

I wish to comment on the proposed “signature matching” requirement for absentee ballots in NC.

I believe this is an unnecessary step, given the fact that absentee voters must also have two witnesses or a notary public to attest to their signature being theirs.

Additionally it adds the likelihood of human error, and possible disenfranchisement of eligible voters.

I am a poll worker and I attend Board of Election meetings as a member of the public. The County boards of election take their responsibility very seriously and do not need another layer of scrutiny added to their review of absentee ballots.

This is a “solution in search of a problem” and should be rejected by the State Board of Election.

Thank you very much
Elizabeth M. Swift
148 Sandbrook Lane
Sylva, NC 28779

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From: [Helen Voris](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature matching for voters
Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022 3:52:36 PM

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Dear Members of the NC State Board of Elections:

Back when Ralph Nader was running for president in 2000, I lived in Chicago, Illinois. At the time, because his presence on the ballot threatened to take votes from Democrats, they made a concerted effort to keep him from being on the Illinois presidential ballot by disqualifying the signatures of as many people as possible who had signed the petitions that would get him *on* the ballot. This involved getting a huge number of people to sit for hours and days in the Chicago Election Board Office (as I well recall doing), and we had to go through every signature on the petitions to verify for each person who signed such a petition, whether or not the signature on the petition matched the signature as it appeared on that person's original voter registration--and then the Republican officials who were observing the process had the option of agreeing or disagreeing with our decision. The time and effort this took was **enormous**--and we (Democrats) did not succeed in our efforts because the number of people whose signatures did not match was too small to have the effect of disqualifying them as we had hoped. But the experience was memorable, and it used tremendous amounts of time and effort!

What the Republicans are proposing in North Carolina--if it is allowed--will throw a tremendous delay in counting and verifying absentee ballots, as well as incur a considerable expense to employ the number of people which this process would require. I am also aware, at age 78, that this will disqualify a number of voters unnecessarily since our handwriting changes as we grow older, thanks to arthritis, Parkinson's, etc.--and many people have been voting for decades since they originally registered to vote!

Please consider this carefully real life experience with what is being proposed, in deciding whether the cost (of every kind) is worth it. Thank you.

Helen Hahn Voris
Apt. A-103
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From: [David Perry](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature matching on absentee ballots
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 7:54:57 AM

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As I customarily vote absentee when necessary, I am concerned about new signature-matching requirements. As I age, I know my signature is changing. And I wonder what my official on-record signature looks like and when and how it was acquired.

I am particularly concerned that the signature-matching process could be corrupted by partisan vote-challengers. We should be enabling and encouraging the vote, not finding new ways to challenge it and make it harder.

Carl D Perry
407 Robert Hunt Drive
Carrboro, NC 27510

Sent from my iPhone

From: s2pierce@sonic.net
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature matching requirement for absentee ballots.
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 9:22:10 PM

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Dear State Board of Elections,

I am deeply concerned about the signature matching requirement under consideration for absentee ballots. There is no documented need for this added process step and the additional resources required with detract from the important work of an already overextended staff. Furthermore, my signature has changed over the 40 years and I fear my ballot would be rejected. I urge you to reject this problematic barrier to our voting rights.

Thank you,

Sam Pierce

Wilmington NC.

From: [Betty Gunz](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature matching
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 2:14:44 PM

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Signatures are already verified by requiring two witnesses or a notary. Signature matching is an unreliable and discriminatory way to toss out votes of the vulnerable. Do not require this untrustworthy practice.

Thank you
Betty Gunz

Sent from my iPad

From: [Shirl Thomas Thomas](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature matching
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 4:07:01 PM

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Dear North Carolina State Board of Elections:

The new proposal to “signature match” which requires a third signature for voting is unnecesay and smells like voter suppression by the Republicans. Local elections folks verify signatures by requiring two witnesses which seems like enough proof of who you are.

I am 89 years old & it is seldom that my signature matches exactly over time due to getting older when writing anything is rather unpredictable. Muscles don’t behave like they did at 59 or 69!

Please consider my right to have my vote counted.

Shirley L. Thomas

From: [Ridley Hutchinson](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature needs to be validated on all mail in ballots
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 12:43:42 PM

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Signatures need to be validated on all mail in ballots because the massive voter fraud that has been found across the nation. Otherwise you will see massive repercussions in the future.

Ridley Hutchinson
29 Hamburg Drive
Weaverville. NC 28787
303 570 7270

From: [Christine Ganis](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature validation on ballots is unnecessary
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 11:09:01 PM

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I am opposed to this extra layer of verification. I have volunteered for our county Board of Elections during several election cycles, and was always impressed with the level of professionalism here in our county - the training, the practice, the great interaction by bipartisan team leaders - all of it worked to make it a well run operation. Sadly, there are very few known violations, the most well-known one being the Bladen county Republican who was outed by his son, an attorney.

Dr. Christine Ganis

Sent from my iPhone
Christine C. Ganis, PsyD
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717 571 5732 C

From: [Jen Woodlief](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification
Date: Sunday, June 12, 2022 8:51:23 PM

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I strongly support confirmed signature verification for all absentee ballot request to have vote legally count. I worked with curing ballots for people who went to vote on Election Day and found that they were not registered as they knew that they were and were given a provisional ballot to vote. There is definitely something fishy in our elections in NC. I plan on filing freedom of information/public records requests for names taking off our voter rolls. One day, paper ballot and hand count, no compromised machines that have been hacked to change the counts is the best solution. Otherwise verification of all absentee voters signature. Go to vote in person on Election Day or face further voter if verification. This is not difficult. We will stop the stealing of our elections.

Thank you,
Jennifer woodlief

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Casey Houseknecht](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 10:34:43 AM

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I have read the disgusting plan of the NC Republican Party to allow signature comparison for mail in ballots in upcoming elections and I beseech you BOE to not fall for this open grab for election control! This is yet one more barrier that the GOP is putting up to choke our democracy, one more tactic used to steal elections from opposing parties and silence voting constituents. Please do not cow to these bully tactics.

Sent from my iPhone

From: gkanady@verizon.net
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification as part of absentee voting requirements
Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 12:22:23 AM

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YES, we want signature verification as part of absentee voting requirements.

Garland H Kanady Jr
2036 Silverleaf Drive
Youngsville, NC 27596
Cell: (703) 447-5993

From: [christy buckner](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification for absentee voting
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 5:46:44 PM

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Dear Sir/Madam,

As a citizen of North Carolina I am writing to address the need for signature verification. Our election process is corrupt. We need one day hand written in person voting. The machines are all compromised, even the scans. Unless someone has the courage to stand against what has happened, your freedom and mine is at stake. Worse, the freedom of our children and grandchildren will be taken. I am hoping, no praying, that the people of our nation will open their eyes. Look at Venezuela. Rigged elections mean corrupt government.

Of course signature verification should be required for absentee voting if the person has a legitimate medical excuse or is absent in service to our country. And yes, these signatures should be scrutinized and verified. I am hoping that the corrupt officials can be voted out and/or promptly removed.

Thank you,

Christy Buckner

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Karen Wasick](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification for absentee voting must be required
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 12:04:22 PM

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

My parents fled Russia in the early 1900s to the United States because of the oppression there, probable death (most of their family members had already been murdered), and their deepest desire to be in a land of freedom and opportunity. My brother and I were then raised with the greatest respect for a nation, the United States of America, where we could be anything we chose because of this land of endless opportunity. It was made clear to us, by our grateful parents ,that we were always to do the right things, meaning to be honest and give back to this outstanding nation.

I believe that requiring the county Board of Elections to compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents in existence, when the voter first signed up to vote, to incoming absentee ballots, and "further exhausting all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on the absentee container- return envelopes is that of the purported voter" is a modest way to maintain the integrity of the voting process.

We who love this nation, who love the people in this nation, thank you for your consideration of this extremely important matter.

Sincerely,

Karen and Edward Wasick

From: [D.D](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification for absentee ballots
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 10:00:03 AM

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Signature verification for absentee voting must be required because it prevents voter fraud.

I strongly recommend that

The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).

County Boards of Election be able to exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter.

Thank you for your consideration

From: [Stacey Ohm](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification for absentee votes
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 1:09:54 PM

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It only makes sense that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).

- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Why would anyone interested in election integrity want ballots that have questionable origins?

Thank you for your consideration

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Lorie Hostetler](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification for absentee voting
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 10:54:58 AM

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I strongly recommend that:

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Lorie Hostetler

From: [Stephen W Phillips](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification for absentee ballots
Date: Friday, July 1, 2022 7:59:32 PM

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I oppose the demand to require signature verification for absentee ballots.

- 1) Having worked with real handwriting experts in the past I know that it requires both skill and art which cannot be taught to a poll worker with a few days training.
- 2) With a diagnosis of Essential Tremor I know that my handwriting has deteriorated so that it looks nothing like my signature when I registered with the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections eight years ago during September, 2014.

While it may sound like a good idea, at age 85 with a diagnosis of Essential Tremor and the recognition of the training needed to analyze handwriting, I am deeply opposed to the idea of requiring signature verification for absentee ballots.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Phillips
5100 Dunes Court, Charlotte, NC 28226
203-644-6909; swphill0220@gmail.com
www.linkedin.com/in/stephenwphillips

From: [Paul Olson](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification of ballots
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 5:39:50 PM

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Dear Board,

I am confident that each of you is as concerned about the assured integrity of the votes being cast in our upcoming election.

Signature verification is one positive step toward the reinstatement of voter integrity. After all, why would anyone in America want ineligible voters casting votes in our elections?

I strongly encourage and endorse that the board support and approve voter signature verification in the upcoming elections at the local, state, and national levels.

Respectfully yours,

Paul Olson
Chapel Hill, NC

Regards,

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From: [Joan Kirschner](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification on absentee ballots
Date: Friday, July 1, 2022 10:04:44 PM

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To whom it may concern:

Many elderly voters request absentee ballots because they are ill or have conditions that keep them from voting in person. Unfortunately, a person's handwriting can decline over the years especially with certain neurological problems. It is, therefore, in my opinion, a serious issue to require signature verification on all absentee ballots by comparing today's signature with one from the past. Please see to it that such a law is not passed.

Sincerely,

Joan Kirschner

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Wanda Dahl](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification to vote
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 10:33:53 AM

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I am a life time North Carolina resident. Keeping voting integrity is extremely important to me. Please require signature verification and any other safe guards you can for any future elections.

Thank you.

Wanda Dahl

From: keeners@hotmail.com
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 6:17:56 PM

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Please resolve that Wake County must have means to verify signatures because any additional safeguards ensure that our election will be honest & fair.

It is imperative that we know we can trust our election process.

Thank you,

Gene & Judy Keener

3400 Yelverton Cr.

Raleigh 27612

Sent from my iPad

From: [klandgren3333](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification
Date: Monday, June 13, 2022 9:33:37 AM

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Karen Brinson Bell, et al,

We absolutely support the proposal to ensure that the signatures on one's registration, ballot request form, & ballot are carefully inspected by one or two members of each party to confirm a very close match. Alternatively, three people of undisclosed affiliation could perform the task.

This process will be much less labor-intensive when we mail ballots exclusively to living, legal citizens with a *legitimate* need, who actively initiate an unsolicited request; and whose address has also been verified.

Most sincerely,
Marie & Karl Landgren
919.750.2732

Sent with [ProtonMail](#) Secure Email.

From: [Jack Sturtevant](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification
Date: Monday, June 13, 2022 6:31:13 AM

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We need to have signature verification on absentee ballots to assure honest elections.

John Sturtevant
3205 Moss Hammock Wynd
Southport, NC 28461

From: [Michael Stoller](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 8:50:21 PM

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We do not need further signature verification which will remove legitimate voters from the rolls. Stop screwing around with the voting process.

Michael A Stoller
Sent from my iPad

From: [Rachel Murdoch](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 12:06:22 PM

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Hello, I am a resident of North Carolina and have recently relocated here. I am a proud voter. I write you to ask the NC State of Elections to require signature verification on all absentee ballots. We have to avoid voter fraud. Please ensure that we keep election and voter integrity. Thank you!
Rachel Murdoch

From: [Susan Singer](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 12:18:34 AM

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To Whom It May Concern

You must require Signature Verification on ALL absentee, mail in ballots

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From: [Becky Abel](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification
Date: Saturday, June 18, 2022 2:56:13 PM

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NC already has a stiff law for regulating absentee ballots with the two witnesses or a notary.
Do not add an extra layer.

Becky Abel
256 Dillardtown Road, Sylva, 28779

From: [Hope Crolius](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification
Date: Friday, June 17, 2022 10:06:26 PM

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To: State Board of Elections

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strongest possible support for signature verification on absentee ballots.

Yes, county elections boards should absolutely take a magnifying glass to every ballot submitted. Whether absentee ballot request forms or absentee ballot return envelopes, it is vital to that those charged with the responsibility of counting votes know which ones are valid.

The disastrous elections of 2018, 2020, the gathering of concerned Americans at our nation's capital on January 6 because they had no confidence in election fairness and transparency, and now clear evidence of massive, shocking, widespread and well-coordinated corruption revealed in the documentary "2000 Mules," has made it painfully clear that more oversight is needed. We need honest county boards of election to have the means to discern which ballots are legitimate and which are questionable.

The ability to choose our own government is understood to be a cornerstone of living out the high calling of being a citizen of the American republic. North Carolina should be turning every stone to root out even a whiff of fraud or deceit or dishonesty.

So yes, I fully support the NC Republican Party's call to authorize county boards to verify signatures. That's just a start, but a good start; there's much more to do until every trace of election theft and tampering has been banished from the Tarheel State.

Hope Crolius
Moravian Falls

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Artemis Garden Consultants LLC
Hope Crolius

From: tomcoulson@aol.com
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification
Date: Friday, June 17, 2022 2:52:45 PM

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I write in opposition to the recently proposed Signature verification requirement.

Until the infirmities of age and the Covid19 epidemic intervened, my wife and I were regular attendees of the Madison County BOE meetings. We were impressed by the absence of partisanship, the collegiality of the board and by the degree of effort expended in the many details required to keep our elections safe and secure. For example, during the pre- election periods we watched as every absentee ballot was individually examined and approved by each member of the board prior to its being sequestered until election day when they are counted.

We already must have 2 witnesses on the ballot application. This proposed rule assumes that a counterfeit absentee voter would have 2 accomplices to his/her crime. I submit that the incidence of such an event would be a tiny number; too rare to justify adding one more detail to the BOE already burdensome workload.

As a 90 year old with arthritic hands whose younger handwriting was already execrable, I can guarantee that my present-day signature looks nothing like it did years ago when I registered to vote in this county.

Thomas H Coulson
1001 Reems Cove Rd.
Marshall, NC 28753

From: [Bill Obrien](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification
Date: Monday, June 13, 2022 11:59:01 AM

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I think it is mandatory to authorize election boards to verify and match signature requests with ballot signatures. But, this may not prevent fraud since someone doing ballot harvesting can always get same signature on both yet complete the ballot for that party. I think it would be more effective to require a photo ID to vote in any capacity.

The notion that IDs discriminate against certain segments is unfounded if that photo id is generated when the voter registers to vote. It can be updated when address changes etc are applied for.

Bill O'Brien

From: [Steve Hurbanek](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification
Date: Monday, June 13, 2022 10:48:13 AM

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In order to have safe and honest elections. Signatures from absentee ballots must be checked for verification.

Steve Hurbanek
Southport North Carolina

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Norma Safransky](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verification
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 11:31:59 AM

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To whom it may concern,
I implore you not to put another obstacle in the way of voting. I have many patients who need to absentee vote and they're signatures are unreliable due to medication side effects that wax and wane depending on the time of day. I don't want them to lose their vote if their signatures don't they.

Norma Safransky , MD

From: [Mt Ulla Gardens Webster](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature verifications are not needed
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 9:41:38 PM

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Absentee ballots require witness signatures and that should be enough verification.

Don't make it so hard to have one's vote counted!

Betsy Webster
14230 NC 801
Mount Ulla, North Carolina 28125

From: [Email Services \(Settings\)](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Cc: [Mershon, Loretta](#)
Subject: [External] Signature-matching requirement for absentee voting is discriminatory!
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 1:41:30 PM

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There is NO way to have a fair system that includes the requirement of signature

matching for absentee voting.

As an older voter, my husband -- like many of our friends -- suffers from what is known

as "essential tremor." That is, their hands now shake a bit. Nothing too serious, but the effect on a signature can be dramatic. *Sometimes*, it is easy to see that a current signature is by the same person as a signature from years ago. Sadly, this is often not the case.

While an expert could *probably* "match" old and recent signatures through detailed analysis,

the general appearances of old and new do *not* "match." Any attempt to have casual comparisons by untrained poll workers is doomed. I would even go so far as to say that introducing this sort of signature-matching process (*even* if done by somewhat-trained

workers) risks disenfranchising many, many people based upon age or other disability.

I can't think of ANY other situation that would lead to as many lawsuits as the proposed

signature matching.

Please do **NOT** EVEN THINK ABOUT SUCH a change in NC voting laws!

Sincerely,

Loretta K. Mershon

1211 Ivy Lane, Raleigh, NC 27609

From: [barbara hawk](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signature
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 10:10:46 AM

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Only common sense to compare signatures to make sure it is a legal ballot. We want our vote to be counted and avoid any question of possible voter fraud

From: [Sue Marker](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signatures
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 7:44:25 PM

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There is nothing more important than our free and fair elections when it comes to protecting our democracy. Therefore I am in complete agreement that a person's signature should be validated for absentee ballots. Susan Marker
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Vera Simms](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signatures must match
Date: Sunday, June 12, 2022 6:57:46 AM

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I Believe that voter signatures should be scrutinized on absentee ballot request forms to verify that the signature is indeed the one of the person voting, so as to determine if that vote is legitimate and should be counted or not.

Vera Simms

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Jennifer Ines](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signatures on Absentee Ballots
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 4:54:14 PM

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Verified signatures should be required on all absentee ballots to ensure our elections are honest, above reproach, accurate, and trustworthy.

When the public finds elections suspect, the entire community suffers from outspoken citizens doubting the outcome of the elections and potentially escalating their frustrations with violence.

Please restore the public's faith in our electoral process by requiring verified signatures on absentee ballots.

Thank you for considering this.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Ines

From: [Singerman, Alan](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signatures on absentee ballots
Date: Sunday, June 19, 2022 9:19:44 PM

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Dear SBOE,

I strongly urge you to reject this unnecessary proposal. It threatens to make a uniform, state-wide process dangerously chaotic and subjective. Handwriting and signatures can evolve and change over time, as do people's names. Board members making these judgments are not handwriting experts and have no specialized training. This proposal opens the door to partisan abuse: rejections disproportionately affect elderly voters, young voters, and voters of color.

Alan & Véronique Singerman

From: [Dorothy Callaway](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signatures should be verified!
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 2:09:37 PM

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Certainly County Boards of Elections should be encouraged (if not mandated) to verify the signature of an absentee voter by ANY AND ALL MEANS POSSIBLE. The presence of two random witness signatures (which again are not proven to be legitimate) does not guarantee the voter's signature. I can't believe we even have to justify this.....it should be a requirement that BOEs compare the signature on an absentee document with the voter's registration signature. Failure to do this throws continuous doubt on the validity of elections in North Carolina.

Dorothy Callaway
Hendersonville, NC

From: [Faith Crosby](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Signatures to vote
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 3:09:00 PM

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This rule is an attempt to suppress voters. It is illegal, unnecessary, and will increase the costs of voting. Of course, the GOP of NC would not mind any of those things.
Have some courage and pt this rule in the trash where it belongs.

Faith Crosby, MD
2312 Westfield Ave.
Winston Salem , NC 27103
3362541538

PS As a physician, my signature varies by the hour, especially on computer pads!!!

From: [Emily Huling](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Stop making voting so hard!!!
Date: Sunday, June 26, 2022 3:41:12 PM

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Dear Lawmakers,

No additional stumbling blocks to voting!

Local elections officials already verify signatures by requiring two witnesses. This additional signature verification requirement is unnecessary and would result in extra costs to local boards of elections which are already underfunded by the legislature. This is a solution in search of a problem that doesn't exist.

Signature matching is an unreliable and discriminatory method of discarding valid votes that disproportionately impacts vulnerable voters. Research in other states has shown that ballots from Black, Indigenous, Latinx, disabled, and elderly voters are disproportionately rejected at higher rates.

We have safe, secure and reliable elections here in NC. No reason to enact an obstacle to people voting.

Thank you.

Emily Huling
Terrell, NC Catawba County

From: [Kimberly Miller](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Cc: [Kimberly A Miller](#)
Subject: [External] Subjective Scrutiny of Voter Signature
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 5:17:25 PM

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Dear SBOE:

What in the world are you thinking? I find the current and completely unnecessary proposal regarding a subjective layer of signature verification puzzling unless the intent is to restrict voting. I think that conclusion is a given. I believe two witnesses or a notary are overkill as it is but this proposal is a bridge too far. Here's the reality: Handwriting and signatures can evolve and change over time, as do people's names. Board members making these judgments are definitely NOT handwriting experts and have no specialized training. This proposal clearly opens the door to partisan abuse. We are all very aware that rejections disproportionately affect elderly voters, young voters, and voters of color. This proposal is a danger to the democratic process and an unnecessary restriction on voting, which, if we are being honest, is the intent. Please, for the sake of our democracy and the rights of every voter, vote no on this proposal.

Sincerely,
Kimberly A Miller

From: [Darlene Davey](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] There should be NO problem with people showing proof of who they are before voting. Mail in ballots should be scrutinized before being taken seriously. Darlene Davey
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 2:18:43 PM

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Walk with God in the garden of your heart.

From: [Barbara Yates](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Unnecessary changes in voter rules for N.C.
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 9:01:19 AM

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We have safe, fair, transparent elections in N.C. Please do not put in place cumbersome unnecessary additional requirements in place which can only result in discarding valid votes and incur additional costs.

Thank You,
Barbara Yates
Cedar Mountain N.C.

From: tpc.smkymtns
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Validating Voting Ballot Signature
Date: Friday, June 10, 2022 9:04:55 PM

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NC State Board of Election Officials:

Thanks for this opportunity to comment. I recommend verification of voter signatures. The 2 witnesses for verification is inadequate to prevent election fraud. We must not repeat the 2020 election problems. Thom

Thomas P. Carter, PhD
Researcher & Conservative Advocate
Murphy, NC

From: [THOMAS YANDEAU](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Verification of Signatures on Absentee Ballots
Date: Saturday, July 2, 2022 12:19:36 PM

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I am opposed to adding another level of verification to accept an absentee ballot. It is already required that a voter who is homebound and can't appear in person must find two people to somehow witness her signature or somehow get a Notary to come to the home. Now the Republicans are pushing the "Wide-spread Voter Fraud" lie again in an effort to keep their opponents disenfranchised and intimidated. The right to vote, whether you can do so in person or not, is a basic right of our democracy. Help us keep this right.

Do not allow the addition of signature verification on absentee ballots.

Thank you,

Camille Yandea

From: [Eileen Weeks](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Verification of sSignatures
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 6:21:42 PM

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Dear State Board of Elections,

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank your for considering my request,

Eileen Landenberger

From: [Denise Vish](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Verification of signature on Absentee ballot return envelope
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 10:21:54 PM

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NC Board of Election
Public Comment
Legal Division,
Raleigh, NC

I am writing to request that the North Carolina Board of Elections issue a directive to counties and precincts across our state to make every attempt to confirm that the signature on every absentee ballot matches that of the signature on file of the registered voter.

The current practice of failing to use signature verification leaves no legal option to validate that the voter is indeed the person whose vote is being cast.

I understand that public comment is being solicited until July 5.
Please help the citizens of our state restore our confidence in our election procedures.

Thank you.

Denise G Vish
78 South Main Street
Weaverville, NC 28787

From: shaikwon@aol.com
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Vote No
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 8:22:21 PM

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I do not want another layer added to absentee ballot.

From: [Batya Etel](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Vote-by-Mail must be universally available
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 1:53:06 PM

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Many people eligible to vote cannot get to a voting site due to work, child, illness, age-related difficulties. It is therefore a denial of legitimate voting rights to make Mail-In Voting hard or impossible.

Comparing signatures is essentially ineffective: everyone writes a little differently each time they sign their name, due to surface, pen, fatigue, other factors. Witnesses are the correct way to ascertain that Voters-by-Mail are the voter they claim to be.

Do not curtail Mail-In Voting or institute signature-comparison as a verification.

Thank you,
Lynne Kane, 625 Cedar Club Circle, Chapel Hill, NC 27517
(tel.919-902-7202) <batya.etel@gmail.com>

From: [Ken Thigpen](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Voter Comment
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 11:14:24 AM

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The proposed changes to absentee ballot request procedures are both necessary and timely. To prevent any hint of voter integrity issues and ensure fair elections, comparing voter request signatures with signatures on file is a common-sense action to help restore confidence in our election system. I fully support this propose action and strongly encourage the State Board of Elections to adopt this declaratory ruling. Thank you,

Kenneth L Thigpen
3709 Sparrow Pond Ln
Raleigh, NC 27606

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [michael hoenes](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Voter Eligibility
Date: Sunday, June 12, 2022 8:51:29 AM

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NO non US citizen should be registered to vote, or allowed to vote, and be subject to eligibility verification by means of proper documentation therein.

michael d hoenes
2639 rocky cross rd
middlesex, nc 27557

From: [Dennis DeLozier](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Voter ID Required
Date: Monday, June 13, 2022 7:42:37 AM

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Voter ID should be required from all voter participants. All matters of security and controlled distribution require identifying you are who you say you are and are of the minimum age required.

Thank you,
Dennis DeLozier
3860 Members Club Blvd
Southport, NC 28461

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Carolyn Alexander](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Voter Integrity- signature verification
Date: Monday, July 4, 2022 3:14:28 PM

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I am a registered voter & I totally support that the State Board authorize county boards of elections to perform signature verification for absentee ballot request forms & return envelopes to determine if the ballots should be counted in NC elections. IT IS COMMON SENSE TO TAKE THESE BASIC STEPS TO ENSURE OUR ELECTIONS ARE FAIR TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.

Additionally, I also support Voter ID for in-person voting.

Regards
Carolyn Alexander
1385 River Club Ridge
Lenoir, NC 28645

From: [JMB](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Voter Security
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 9:52:35 AM

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Dear State Board of Elections, this request is to strengthen one of our most basic rights as a country. I want the safest and most secure voting process that is possible. If for any reason someone cannot vote in person then there should be stringent rules for allowing that vote to be cast any other way. As a citizen, I strongly support an additional step to verify signatures. A secure vote demands stringent verification. Thank you for your dedication in this process.

Sent from my iPhone, pls forgive typos.

Sincerely,
John M Balog, PMP, CSM
"Plans fail for lack of counsel but with many advisers they succeed" Solomon

<http://www.linkedin.com/in/johnbalog>

From: jcholland8@aol.com
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Voter Signatures
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 6:15:55 AM

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The State Board should authorize county boards of elections to scrutinize voter signatures on absentee ballot request forms and absentee ballot return envelopes, to determine whether to count those ballots in North Carolina elections. The state should also require voter ID in person for every election.

Thank you, Jerome Holland

From: [Ronald Zambor](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Voter signature confirmation
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 5:12:46 PM

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I am opposed to this action and believe it to be intended as voter suppression.--
Sent from Gmail Mobile

From: [Tony Villanova](#)
To: [Circosta, Damon](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
Subject: [External] Voter signature on absentee ballots should be required because it's the right thing to do to maintain as much integrity as possible
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:37:33 PM

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I strongly recommend that:

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).
- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Anthony Villanova II

Raleigh, NC

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Have a good one!

Tony

From: [John Neuner](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Voter signature scrutiny
Date: Monday, June 13, 2022 11:12:19 AM

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I am definitely in favor of more intense scrutiny of signatures on absentee ballots AND postmark dates on mail in ballots. Currently, there is far too much room for fraud. Connie Neuner, Southport, NC.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kevin McPartland](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Voter signature verification
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 10:09:21 PM

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State Board,

I am writing to request that the State Board authorize the county board of elections to scrutinize voter signatures on absentee ballot request forms and absentee ballot return envelopes, at the very least, and determine whether to count those ballots in North Carolina elections. I WOULD PREFER PICTURE ID VERIFICATION.

This request seeks an additional layer of verification for absentee voters.

Thank you for your attention to this very important and critical issue.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Steve Inman](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Voter signatures
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 9:47:05 AM

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The proposed changes to absentee ballot request procedures are both necessary and timely. To prevent any hint of voter integrity issues and ensure fair elections, comparing voter request signatures with signatures on file is a common-sense action to help restore confidence in our election system. I fully support this propose action and strongly encourage the State Board of Elections to adopt this declaratory ruling.

Thank you,

Steve Inman
104 Tripp Road
Pittsboro, NC. 27312

From: f10202019@aol.com
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Voter verification
Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022 10:08:04 AM

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June, 25, 2022

I would strongly recommend the County Board of Electors to have scrutinizing of all voter signatures on all absentee ballots in N.C. elections. The State Board of Elections should require a comparison of voter signatures on voter registration documentation on file in their office to the voters' signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).

Thank you.

Gwendolyn Sheryl Fulkerson
36 Ridgeland Lane
Asheville, N.C. 28805

From: [Lindsay Lankin](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Voting Restrictions
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 4:42:34 PM

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The idea of having two witnesses or a notary public is in violation of the law. Your ballot is secret and no one is entitled to look at it. That is why they take so much care to keep the voting booth private when you go in person to vote. That is the way it should be.

From: [Robert Kastner](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Voting
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 2:23:19 PM

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Please do not pass legislation that requires “vote signature match”. This is not needed in N C as we have minimal voter fraud. There will be an increase in ‘voter fraud’ by having a person match signatures. I sign my name at least 3 different ways. It appears that the Republican Party, whom I have voted for in the past, is being dishonest in regards to voting rights. As a result, and for the way you have avoided the January 6, 2021 insurrection, I am seriously thinking of voting Democratic Party. Republicans need to change the way they think or they will lose. Please distance yourself from D. Trump, the most corrupt president in my lifetime.
Sent from my iPhone

Thanks,
Bob
Robert J. Kastner, M.D.,F.A.C.E.P.,F.A.A.F.P.
8811 Sawmill Creek Lane
Wilmington,N.C.,28411
kastnerrj@gmail.com

From: [Todd Fitz](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Voting
Date: Monday, June 13, 2022 10:24:57 AM

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I support signature verification on both the ballot request form and completed ballot envelope submission to add an extra layer of security to our North Carolina elections.

Thank you, Todd Fitz 3443 Beaver Creek Dr. Southport, NC

From: [Thomas Brindle](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] Voting
Date: Sunday, July 3, 2022 6:31:06 AM

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I would like to comment that proper vetting should be completed. I have had some friends run for local offices. We have looked at the people voting. There were several instances that some had died a year earlier but voted. I am not sure how one can be dead one year and vote in an election a year after your death. I just think proper vetting should be done.

I believe we should have a valid ID (Identification). We have to have one for boarding a plane, cashing a check, buying a car, buying beer/alcohol, citizenship, and etc. I feel like voting is just as important.

I am for anything that will secure our elections. By the way Governor Cooper should do what the citizens of North Carolina voted on. That is Voter ID. Not what he feels like needs to be done

Thanks,
Tom Brindle
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Maryann Rood](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] "No" to signature verification of mail-in ballots
Date: Sunday, July 3, 2022 10:15:01 AM

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Republicans are pushing to verify mail-in ballots by having local election officials match the signature on requests for ballots or on the returned ballot. Instructions already in effect specifically forbid this comparison and point out that a signature is not required by law. In fact, North Carolina already requires two witnesses or a notary on mail-in ballots.

Matching signatures is no slam dunk. People's signatures may change over time, as arthritis develops or vision gets worse, or they use a different pen, write fast or slow or decide they're too old to use little hearts to dot their i's.

The answer to "Does it match" can, of course, depend on who is deciding. It's subjective. It can be influenced by partisan bias.

Yet the decision to count a ballot or discard it depends on the answer. We do not need more barriers to citizens exercising their right to vote. This proposal is a bad one. Pursuing it makes it worse when so many people have witnessed and continue to witness shenanigans of self-interested questioning of recent elections.

Pack it up and throw it out.

Mary Ann Rood
Durham, N.C.

From: [Kenneth L. Carrico, Ph.D.](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] "Public Comment Period Opens on Request Related to Signature Verification for Absentee Voting"
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 1:38:18 PM

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As a citizen of Morganton, North Carolina, concerned about election integrity, I fully support the the procedure that local Election Boards be allowed to verify signatures on the returned ballots with signatures they have on file. In my opinion this is the least we could do to avoid voter fraud and increase overall confidence in our elections.

Thank you for your serious consideration of my opinion.

Kenneth L. Carrico, Ph.D.
4411 NC 181, Morganton, NC 28655
H: 828-433-6858 C: 828-430-0772

"In God We Trust!"

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make His face (Visio Dei) shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." Numbers 6: 24-26.

From: [Bob and Claire McGirr](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] absentee ballot signature verification
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 8:17:25 AM

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I am in favoe of this additional level of scrutiny providing there is honest bipartisan agreement on each disputed signature.

From: [Nelson Smith](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] absentee ballot signature verification
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 10:23:57 AM

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the rule established in 2020 nullifying absentee signature verification should be overruled immediately. Cross checking signatures is the cornerstone of a fair and honest election!
Sent from my iPhone

From: classa2000@aol.com
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] absentee ballot signature verification
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 5:12:37 PM

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Ladies/Gentlemen:

In my opinion, county election boards SHOULD BE ALLOWED (and indeed encouraged!) to perform signature verification on received absentee ballots.

The signature is a traditional, accepted means of attesting to identity. In today's society, it is MORE important than previously, because mass mailing techniques make large-scale ballot fraud much less difficult than it had been in the past.

Tightened ballot security will promote higher confidence in elections and will reduce levels of confrontation and anger with their results.

Francis X Hurley

Durham County

From: [Betty Lawrence](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] absentee ballot verification
Date: Saturday, July 2, 2022 7:43:45 PM

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I believe the current requirement of two witnesses or a notary public is sufficient. Signature comparison can be problematic, especially for those who registered many decades ago. It doesn't need to be harder than it needs to be. Thanks, Betty Lawrence, 142 Hillside St., Asheville

From: [Barbara](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] absentee ballots
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 2:28:03 PM

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Sir:

I think the current system of absentee voting verification is working just fine. My understanding is that there have been very few issues of fraudulent voting in Brunswick County which supports the idea that the Board of Elections is doing its job. It sounds like some people are creating a problem to fix. Voting should be made easier rather than more difficult by creating obstacles.

Barbara Carey
3437 Members Club Blvd.
Southport, NC 28461

From: [Barbara Mang](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] absentee ballots
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 9:57:53 AM

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Hello! Absolutely!!! Voter signatures on the absentee ballots, envelopes, and witnesses must be scrutinized and required!!!! Voter ID needs to be reinstated as well!!!! Validations and ID verification are needed in so many ways and places...certainly voting is one of the most important mechanisms in our USA Republic!

Thank you for listening to my voice!

Barbara Mang, Flat Rock, NC 28731

bmang3535@att.net



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From: [Jill Leite](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] absentee voter signature and voter ID
Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 3:46:37 PM

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Hi,

I am writing to express concern regarding current absentee voter signatures and voter ID requirements. The current requirement of notarizing or having two witnesses for absentee voter ballots is simply not robust enough to prevent voter fraud. Lets face it, few if any people are going to have access to a notary or take time to find one/drive there/pay for service. The next option would be two witnesses which again, lets face it, anyone can sign anyones name to a fraudulent ballot if there is no requirement to check those signatures. This is common sense in that it sets itself up for fraud. Unfortunately, we live in a society where everyone does not obey the laws or play by the rules.

Even more problematic, is the fact that this state does not require voter ID for in person voting. WHY???? Anyone can obtain a voter ID. You need an ID to drive, to go to the hospital, to go to doctor office, to perform bank functions, to conduct many of life necessities; however, the fact that you don't need an ID to vote in this state is archaic. Set aside political tactics of Rep vs Dem, do the right thing in order to prevent fraud and protect the integrity of our elections. Require voter ID.

Regards,
Dr. Jill Leite

From: [John Pritchard](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] absentee voting signatures
Date: Friday, June 10, 2022 5:24:34 PM

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I absolutely request this additional layer of protection for elections be added to NC . Our voting system is under attack and has been for some time now. Let's block the cheaters.

John Pritchard
Mt Airy NC

From: [Michael Yates](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] additional signature verification requirement for ballots?
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 12:27:15 PM

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Dear NC State Board of Elections:

I've just learned that an additional signature verification requirement has been proposed for NC's voters, and feel strongly it is both unnecessary and unwise. There is more than ample evidence that demonstrates we continue to have safe, fair, and transparent elections in North Carolina, and our local election officials already have in place, and implement, adequate procedures to verify signatures of voters. On the other hand, we know signature matching is unreliable, can be subjective, and would likely impact certain voters more than others. I'm thinking specifically of elderly voters, knowing that people's signatures can change over time. I would certainly not want legitimate ballots to be rejected on that basis, all the more so given the kinds of challenges elderly voters can face (and that, after many years of contributing to our communities and country).

Thank you sincerely for the opportunity for public comment.

Cordially,
Michael Yates
Transylvania County, NC

From: [Bob Hall](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Cc: [Cox, Paul](#); [Love, Katelyn](#)
Subject: [External] against Petitioners" request re signature verification
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 11:55:41 AM
Attachments: [SignatureVerificationCommentJuly2022.docx](#)

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Dear State Board of Elections,

Attached is a one-page statement with some reasons to reject the request for a Declaratory Ruling regarding signature verification for absentee mail voters.

Thank you,

Bob Hall
919-489-1931

From: [Robert F. Heltman](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Cc: [Chuck Edwards](#); [Jake Johnson](#); [Tim Moffitt](#)
Subject: [External] assure elections are honest
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 8:49:01 AM

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We need and deserve to have honest elections. Period. The political game ought to be one of keeping elections honest, and NOT one of finding ways to beat the system (which is the inclination of childish “losers.”)

Therefore, county boards must be able to “exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter.” Make that happen, please.

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert F. Heltman

Past Board Chairman, HCBOE

227 Wooden Bridge Lane

Hendersonville, NC 28739

From: [Yahoo](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] ballot signature verification
Date: Sunday, June 26, 2022 7:14:46 AM

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Good Day!

It is unconscionable that an additional element is being added to signature verification on mail-in ballots!!!!

I have worked over many years as a poll worker and see how people's signatures change from year to year. I've seen how my own changes over the years as well, sometimes from day to day.

This is a totally needless change, adding something else to deter legitimate ballots from being counted.

Edna Kopetz 404-317-7147

Brevard, NC

From: [mike hinton](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#); [Circosta, Damon](#); [Anderson, Stella](#); [Carmon, Jeff](#); [Eggers, Stacy](#); [Tucker, Tommy](#)
Subject: [External] comment on signature verification for absentee voting
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 11:01:24 AM

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You must require signature verification to insure that there is no fraud and insure election integrity.

I strongly recommend that

- The State Board of Election require that the county Boards of Election compare the voter's signature on voter registration documents on file in their office to the voter's signature on absentee ballot request forms and absentee return envelopes. If signature comparison software is used, it should be set at 95% effective rate (as recommended by the Heritage Foundation).

- County Boards of Election be able to "exhaust all available resources to confirm that the signature provided on an absentee container-return envelope is that of the purported voter."

Thank you for your consideration.

Mike Hinton

Raleigh NC

From: [Jane Preyer](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Cc: [Jane Preyer](#)
Subject: [External] comments on the signature issue and election policy
Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022 2:35:54 PM

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June 29, 2022

Dear NC Board of Elections,

I write with deep concern about a proposal you are considering to require signature matches to allow local officials to judge and set aside ballots based on voter signatures.

Our NC BOE has a track record of ensuring fair and clean elections, and a change like this signature match would severely damage the credibility and fairness of North Carolina elections.

The signature match proposal is very alarming for several reasons.

First, individuals' signatures can change significantly over time – not due to malfeasance but associated with time, age, and circumstances.

I believe I have voted in every election since I came of voting age in the early 1970s. However, the signature from my twenties, thirties and forties would not be recognizable to my signature in 2022, now fifty years later from my first vote. Much like my Dad, my writing has become much more informal and vertical – and, unfortunately, as my friends and family might say, less readable! Comparing my signature to whatever is in a past file with the state would be ludicrous and with no guarantee of accuracy, especially when judged by untrained eyes.

Second, NC state law has rules for mail-in ballots which require voters and a notary, or the voter and two witnesses. That's significant documentation already required, and there is nothing in the law that talks about signature matches.

Finally, there would be a huge amount of personal and subjective discretion in

such a random process of validating signatures. In light of the proof we now see in several states where local officials set up “fake electors” to override the public’s elections, how could our BOE possibly allow North Carolina to put itself in such a precarious situation?

I urge you with all my heart to reject this proposal for signature matches. Such a policy would be sweeping, without merit, and should never be enacted without serious public debate and legislation at a minimum.

Thank you for your serious consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Jane B. Preyer

307 East Rosemary Street

Chapel Hill, NC 27514

From: [suzanne schultek](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] election ballots
Date: Monday, July 4, 2022 5:07:46 PM

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Elections must be transparent and above reproach...please count all ballots, everyone must present voter ID, be a citizen of the USA, and mail in ballot only for travel/health issues! Thank you!
Schultek@aol.com

From: [Joann Ballard](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] from J Ballard (Alexander County of NC)
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 6:27:54 PM

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To: The NC State Board of Elections Tuesday, June 21, 2022

from JoAnn Ballard (Alexander County of NC)

I would like to VOICE my request to the NCSBE to REQUIRE the Signature on every Absentee Voting ballot to be Validated - verified in every election.

Our NC election needs to have the CORRECT person submitting the absentee ballot and the ballot verified that this is the correct person.

NC voters voted in 2018 to REQUIRE Voter ID for each ballot, BUT the wishes of the voting people has been derailed by the political powers!! This needs to be immediately started as the NC voters made this decision.

Thank you for your time in reviewing.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Ballard

48 Lawzyday Farm Dr.

Hiddenite, North Carolina 28636

From: [Anne Tordi](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] public comment on Republican party request
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 4:05:19 PM

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To the State Board of Elections:

I oppose the Republican Party's request to scrutinize voter signatures on mail-in and absentee ballots. These signatures have already been verified by the current procedure of being witnessed by a notary or by two witnesses, all of whom have provided their signatures as well. How many signatures will it take to be enough?

This added layer of scrutiny - made by amateurs who are not impartial and not specialized in analyzing signatures - seems more likely an attempt to make voting harder for disadvantaged groups such as the elderly and the infirm, and will give some county officials another path to penalize or disenfranchise some voters.

This request is unworthy of consideration and I oppose it strongly.

Sincerely,

Anne Tordi

From: [Charlotte Hord Smith](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] reject the "signature matching" proposal
Date: Monday, July 4, 2022 4:45:28 PM

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I urge you to reject the request to add 'signature matching' as a requirement for absentee ballot acceptance for several reasons.

Signatures vary over time -- even from day to day. Deciding whether one's signature on one day matches it on another day is a completely subjective exercise. Does an electronic signature on a credit card machine count? Does it have to be a signature with an identifiable name?

Indeed, handwriting analysis and verification requires specific training, which is likely to be unavailable among the state's election workers.

This requirement is likely to lead to abuse and unfairly impede the ability of many voters to have their legitimate vote counted, simply because they are not able to vote in person.

This step is unnecessary and is yet another way to chip away at our democratic right to vote. I urge you to vote against imposing it.

--

Charlotte Hord Smith
charlottehordsmith@gmail.com

From: [Harry Cronson](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] reject the proposed "signature match".
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 4:45:59 PM

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Please reject the proposed "signature match" proposal
I live in a retirement community and it places an undue burden on our residents.

Ruth and Harry Cronson
156 Clubhouse Vista Drive
Apt 12
Matthews, NC 28105

From: [LYNN D LEATH](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] signature comparison
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 2:13:37 PM

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The proposed changes to absentee ballot request procedures are both necessary and timely. To prevent any hint of voter integrity issues and ensure fair elections, comparing voter request signatures with signatures on file is a common-sense action to help restore confidence in our election system. I fully support this propose action and strongly encourage the State Board of Elections to adopt this declaratory ruling.

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Chapel Hill NC 27516

From: [Larry D. McBennett](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] signature match for absentee ballots
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 2:50:40 PM

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The North Carolina Republican Party's request that the North Carolina State Board of Elections allow county boards of elections to use a signature match process to review and potentially reject absentee ballots should be unequivocally rejected by the entire State Board of Elections for the following reasons:

1. It is a forthright attempt to undermine American democracy under the blatantly false pretense of trying to stop voter fraud.
2. The North Carolina Board of Elections has a valid system in place to verify absentee ballots by two witnesses or a notarization of the voter's signature.
3. The N.C. Republican Party's proposal would introduce entirely subjective reviews by unqualified partisan officials who would not be subject to any consistent review standards.
4. The voters whose absentee ballots are rejected would have no recourse. It would affect the elderly significantly as their writing skills decline with age.
5. A signature match process would be applied differently in each county, so absentee ballots would be treated inconsistently in all 100 counties in North Carolina. We would have chaos that would not stop voter fraud. Instead, it would undermine the legitimacy of the election.
6. Voter fraud is not a serious issue in North Carolina. The issue in North Carolina is the North Carolina Republican Party's lack of respect for the will of the people and its overt hostility to American democracy.

Larry McBennett

From: [Beverly Dugan](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] signature matching requirement in NC absentee ballots
Date: Sunday, June 26, 2022 12:59:20 PM

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I am writing to express concern about the possibility of requiring signature matching for acceptance of absentee ballots in NC. There is abundant evidence that signature matching is a flawed process for determining the validity of an absentee ballot. For example, an article by David Graham in *The Atlantic* (October 2020) cited a study by a political scientist at Carroll College that found that 97% of rejected signatures are likely to be authentic. Stated differently, the study found that for every invalid ballot, 32 valid ones are thrown out. This study (<https://lawyerscommittee.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Ohio.pdf>) was conducted on behalf of plaintiffs challenging Ohio's signature-matching law. This is one of many such studies with comparable findings.

North Carolina already has a reliable system for voting absentee. Under current law, voters must have two witnesses – or a notary public – confirm their identity when casting a ballot by mail. Our state's process for voting absentee is fair, secure and it's proven to work. This unnecessary "signature-match" process would look at someone's signature on their voter registration form – possibly filled out decades before – and compare it to the voter's current signature on their absentee ballot. That would leave it to human error and unequal standards to decide which ballots should count - a process that will undermine our democratic right to vote. Such a process could especially hurt older voters and disabled North Carolinians, whose handwriting may have changed since they registered to vote years before.

In conclusion, I strongly object to signature matching as a way to validate absentee ballots. NC's existing process protects the integrity of the absentee voting process. Signature matching would undermine its integrity.

Sincerely,

Beverly Dugan

Pittsboro, NC

From: [Rob Fowler](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] signature matching
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 8:02:41 PM

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I am against signature matching absentee ballot applications because it's too prone to human error and false mismatches. I struggle to write my signature the same every time and I know people with arthritis and disabilities who have an even harder time. Please do not use this flawed technique.

From: [Jonathan Fischer](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] signature matching
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 3:09:53 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-0p3g1hgg.png](#)
[Outlook-ip4qbc3r.png](#)

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Please DO NOT start using signature reviews on absentee ballots as a way of scrutinizing these ballots. History tells us that marginalized populations including people of color and the elderly are going to be disproportionately effected by this kind of review.

We all know that our signatures do not always look exactly the same.

I know that when I am working quickly, my signature changes. **Given the variability of my own signature, I worry that my ballot, as well as the ballots of hundreds or thousands of other voters will be inappropriately discarded.** COUNT MY VOTE!

Jonathan Fischer, MD

Duke University Department of Community Health and Family Medicine;
Hospice and Palliative Care
Medical Director- Palliative Care for Duke Population Health Management Office



The anti-racism ribbon is my pledge to stand against racism in all its forms, to be self-aware and to make equitable choices daily.

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From: [Laurie Heise](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] signature matching
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 2:10:51 PM

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I am familiar with how the staff at the Chatham County BOE does voter verification. There is no need to match signatures via handwriting comparisons when the voter has already been verified by two witnesses. The extra staff time to do handwriting matches would be extensive and expensive, and furthermore would add a strong element of subjectivity to the process, which SHOULD be what we all want to avoid. Please do not add signature verification!

Thank you.

Laura Heise
Pittsboro, NC 27312

From: [Polly Averette](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] signature matching
Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022 6:15:25 PM

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I have worked the polls. The proposed signature matching rule is unnecessary and burdensome. In addition, my elderly mother was blind and had difficulty signing her name. I now have macular and will no doubt have difficulty signing my name as the disease progresses. Stop dreaming up more ways to keep citizens from voting. Help qualified citizens vote. Polly Averette, Brevard, NC

From: [Pam Dykstra](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] signature proposal
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 9:17:12 AM

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Dear SBOE,

Please reject the proposal about handwriting and signatures. Handwriting and signatures can change over time, as do people's names. Board members making these judgments are not handwriting experts and have no specialized training. This proposal will disproportionately affect elderly voters and young voters.

*Pam Dykstra
430 Windward Drive
Davidson, NC*

From: [Nilda Ramos](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Cc: nramos10514@gmail.com
Subject: [External] signature verification for absentee voting
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 12:29:16 PM

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Re: June 10-July 5, 2022 Public Comment on Request Related to Signature Verification for Absentee Voting

June 20, 2022

Dear NCSBE Rulemaking Committee,

I agree with the North Carolina Republican Party request.

In my opinion, NCSBE numbered memos 2020-15 and 2021-03 should be replaced so the guidance does not diminish the statutory safeguards put in place by the North Carolina General Assembly to ensure county boards of elections evaluate the voter's signature on (a) the absentee ballot request form, and (b) on the absentee container return envelope.

The voter's signature should be compared with the voter's signature on file in their registration record.

A rule change is needed for the 2022 general election to protect North Carolina election integrity.

Sincerely,

Nilda Ramos
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From: [Roberta Miller](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] signature verification requirement
Date: Monday, July 4, 2022 4:19:52 PM

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This proposal regarding signature verification for voting is ridiculous and simply an effort to reduce voter opportunity. Voter fraud is not an issue in North Carolina. I am now almost 80 years old and my signature has changed dramatically over the last few years. However, my grasp of politics and governance has not, and it is clear what Republicans are attempting with this requirement. It is imperative at this time in the country's history for Americans to vote, and it is a crime to increase barriers to that right.

Roberta Miller
100 N. College Row Apt 120
Brevard NC 28712

From: [Bonnie Zacher](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] signature verification
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 5:11:33 PM

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This proposal by Republicans to verify every signature is born out of Trump's distaste for absentee ballots. To me it is a ridiculous waste of time and money. I'm sure my signature doesn't look at all like it did when I first voted. I am 80 now and my signature reflects that. The amount of fraud committed with absentee ballots is so minuscule as to be not worth the effort. Please reconsider this proposal and dump it.

Bonnie Zacher
bjzacher@bellsouth.net

From: [Simon Woodrup](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] signature verification
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 4:16:35 PM

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I'm concerned about the plan to institute signature verification. My 78 year old mother has declining physical health and I guarantee her current signature has changed a lot in the past year. It would be an added burden to her right to vote.

Please do not enact this unnecessary change.

Thank you,
Simon Woodrup
20 Spicebush Ln
Weaverville, NC 28787

"A good world needs knowledge, kindness and courage" - Bertrand Russell

From: [Louise Roberts](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] signature-match voting requirement
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 3:04:38 PM

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I am not in favor of changing our absentee voter requirements to include a signature-match. As a senior, my handwriting often changes from day-to-day due to my essential tremor.

Sincerely,
Louise Maddox Roberts

From: [carol.pastore](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] voter integrity
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 3:24:37 PM

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Sincerely,
Carol A. Pastore

From: [Roberta Miller](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] voter signature verification
Date: Monday, July 4, 2022 4:32:26 PM

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I am using my wife's email—I suppose someone could say that I shouldn't be allowed to express my opinion on the voter signature verification issue because I am using her email to do so... simply as another way to invalidate a voter's opinion! In my many years as a voter, I have never seen so many attempts to disenfranchise voters... well, not since the 1950s. This signature verification is unnecessary—and diminishes the right to vote.

Bob (Robert) Miller
100 N. College Row Apt 120
Brevard, NC 28712

From: [Calvin & Susan](#)
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] voter verification
Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 8:46:03 AM

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To Whom it may concern,

I am very much in favor of voter verification by signature on absentee ballots. It would boost confidence in the fairness of the process and ensure election integrity for all.

Thank you, Susan Marshall

From: dixiespal@aol.com
To: [SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking](#)
Subject: [External] voting signature match
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 6:05:56 PM

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To the committee hell-bent on trying to deny people's vote by requiring an exact match on their ballot:

I challenge all of you to present your signature as you wrote it several years ago and try to match it with your current signature. I suspect that you will find that you aren't qualified to vote if you use the criteria you want to enact.

Most people's signatures change over time, mine has. In requesting my absentee ballot I had to use my right hand because of an injury to my dominant left hand, and it was unrecognizable. When I signed my ballot I was able to use my left hand, with much better signage.

Please don't use this as an excuse to deny people their right to vote. Trying to take America back to the dark ages isn't becoming.

Barbara Coulson
1001 Reems Cove Rd.
Marshall, NC 28753

July 13, 2022

To: Ms. Karen Brinson-Bell
Executive Director
North Carolina State Board of Elections
430 Salisbury St.
Raleigh, NC 27603

State Board Members
Damon Circosta, Chair
Stella Anderson, Secretary
Jeff Carmon
Four Eggers
Tommy Tucker

Katelyn Love
General Counsel
North Carolina State Board of Elections

Re: Signature Matching for Absentee Requests and Return Envelopes

All:

The undersigned County Board of Elections (“County Boards”) members are in support of signature verification for absentee requests and returns. As County Board members, we are the sole custodians of blank applications for absentee ballots, official ballots, and container-return envelopes for absentee ballots and have a legal duty to ensure only those requests and returns that have been lawfully executed are accepted.

The North Carolina State Board of Elections’ (“State Board”) prohibition on the use of voter registration records appears to fly in the face of the duties assigned to us, County Board members, by law. North Carolina law provides that the County Boards are the sole custodians of absentee ballots, not the State Board. N.C.G.S. § 163-236. Absentee request forms and return envelopes must be signed by the voter or a near relative or

legal guardian, and all request forms and return envelopes must be processed through the County Boards for a determination as to their validity.

In carrying out our absentee ballot duties, it only seems logical that County Boards should be able to use all available resources to verify signatures. Up until 2020, many of us County Board members recall having the ability to compare the signature on an absentee request or return to that of the voter registration records. We believe we should still have that ability.

We, as County Board members, have a duty to ensure the accurate counting of ballots and to authenticate the count for every ballot item in the county. *See* N.C.G.S. § 163-166.10.; N.C.G.S. § 163-182.5. If we are prohibited from carrying out our duty to ensure the validity of absentee requests and returns, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of election results.

In conclusion, we urge the State Board to lift the prohibition of signature comparisons so that we may fulfill our duty to the voters of this state.

Sincerely,

Angela Hawkins
Wake County Board of Elections

Shawnee Seese
Orange County Board of Elections

Sarah Homes
Hyde County Board of Elections

Susan Floyd
Vance County Board of Elections

Timothy Dehaan
Surry County Board of Elections

Stuart Smith
Brunswick County Board of Elections

Charles Ramos
Chatham County Board of Elections

Frank Dunphy
Chatham County Board of Elections

Michael Fields
Bertie County Board of Elections

Thomas Rankin Schoolfield III
Rockingham County Board of Elections

Betty Mazor
Warren County Board of Elections

Dwight Williams
Sampson County Board of Elections

Russell Richard
Pamlico County Board of Elections

Deborah Huth
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