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Good Day Ms. Townsend,

Thank you and the Committee for listening to my testimony today on absentee voting. This was my first visit to the Statehouse to give testimony and therefore I did not know I could ask to clarify part of my testimony. I am Town Clerk in Chelsea and we had one defective ballot in the General Election in Orange County. When asked why it was defective I said because it was not sealed. Upon reflection during the meeting I should have clarified that not only was it not sealed but it was not in the envelope either. In watching the entire process unfold today, it occurred to me I did not understand how important the words we choose to use to reflect what we mean are. Please feel free to share this with the entire committee.

Regards,

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