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Supporting S.297 – Mobile Voting

Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations,

I would like to express my support for S.297, which would enable smartphone-based voting in Vermont.

I came to Vermont for my Master's Degree in Education, which I received from the University of Vermont in 2022. Since then, I have lived and worked in Vermont, and I currently work as the Associate Finance and Strategy Officer for the DREAM Program, which provides mentoring and activity programming to youth across the state and region.

Many of the families and young adults I work with are deeply engaged in their communities but juggle multiple jobs, have caregiving responsibilities, or face limited access to transportation. An opt-in mobile voting option would make participation in our elections more realistic for people who want to vote but face logistical hurdles getting to the polls or managing absentee ballots.

More broadly, as a young person living in Vermont, I want to encourage my friends and relatives to participate in our elections so that we can improve our state and keep people here. We are so lucky to have Vermont as our home, and we want to keep it that way!

Thank you very much for your service and consideration.

Regards,  
Christina Cramer