

Vermont Senate Committee on Government Operations

Vermont State House

115 State Street

Montpelier, VT 05633

Re: Support for S.279 – Mobile Voting Opt-In Legislation

Dear Members of the Senate Government Operations Committee,

My name is Megan Sheekey, and I am a resident of Stowe, Vermont. I am writing in support of **S.297**, which would allow municipalities to opt in to offering secure mobile voting as an additional option in local elections.

Vermont's strong tradition of civic engagement and local participation is one of the hallmarks of our democracy. However, even in engaged communities like ours, many residents face real challenges in voting—whether due to work schedules, family responsibilities, transportation limitations, seasonal conditions, or health and mobility concerns.

Providing municipalities with the option to adopt secure mobile voting would give local leaders another tool to strengthen participation and ensure more voices are included in community decision-making. For many voters, especially working families, older adults, and those who travel frequently, having a reliable and accessible way to vote remotely could make the difference between participating and being left out.

I appreciate that election security and transparency must always remain paramount. Modern mobile voting systems are being developed with strong safeguards, including encryption, voter verification, and auditable records. With appropriate state oversight and clear standards, Vermont communities can responsibly explore innovation while preserving the trust that voters place in our elections.

S.297 reflects Vermont's commitment to both local control and thoughtful progress. By allowing municipalities to choose whether mobile voting is right for their community, the Legislature can support greater engagement while respecting the unique needs of each town.

I respectfully urge you to support S.297 and help ensure that Vermont continues to lead in building an inclusive, accessible, and secure democratic process.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your consideration.

Sincerely,
Megan Sheekey
Stowe, Vermont