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Vermont Senate Committee on Government Operations
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115 State Street
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Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations,

Thank you for your work in the legislature, it is deeply appreciated. As you continue through the session, I respectfully ask you to consider supporting S.297, a bill that would enable smartphone-based (mobile) voting in Vermont.

I came to Vermont for college in 2018, and I have made the state my home. Over the last few years, I have worked for the Department of Financial Regulation, the Office of the State Treasurer, and as of last month, the Vermont Bond Bank.

Vermont is an amazing state, but we are facing significant challenges. We have great difficulty recruiting young workers, due in part to our lack of housing, high price of healthcare, and overall cost of living. These problems can be addressed by smart public policy, but many young, working Vermonters are discouraged from voting and don't make their voices heard.

Mobile voting would lower the barrier to entry for all Vermonters to vote, opening the door for greater public input and policies reflecting the same. I appreciate your consideration and hope you will support S.297.

Sincerely,
Nick Koleszar