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Dear Senators and whomever else this may concern,

This year my fiancée and I needed to vote in the June primary by absentee ballot. We both applied for absentee ballots at separate times. Neither of us received our ballots. We tracked them and the last time they registered in the system it labeled them “out for delivery.” This was almost two weeks before the election and they simply never arrived. This was deeply troubling for us, especially considering how close the mayoral primary was. Furthermore, this is not the first time I have applied for an absentee ballot and it just didn’t show up.

I strongly urge all state representatives to fully support the abolishment of the NYC Board of Elections. I understand that the state constitutional amendment process takes time, a three years to be precise. Well, get on it then. At a time in which we have sinister politicians with authoritarian aims questioning the trustworthiness of our elections it is especially imperative that we do everything we can to ensure competency, transparency and integrity wherever we can. The BOE has failed at all three for generations now. Abolish it and start over, for the sake of our democracy.

Sincerely,

Will Blomker