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## Letters to the Editor: 'Voting must be protected' for all



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NOTE from Ideas and Voices Editor Amelia Robinson: Below are excerpts of letters submitted to the editor concerning voting. They have been edited slightly for length.

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Ohioans have a unique opportunity to ensure that the elections held in November are fair and just.

U.S. Senator Rob Portman, R-Ohio, sits on the Foreign Relations and Homeland Security Committees and as such, is in a position to help safeguard the integrity of our election process.

In the midst of the novel coronavirus pandemic, we must put extra measures in place to ensure that everyone who has the right to vote has the unfettered opportunity to do so.

Because Sen. Portman also sits on the Senate Finance Committee,

he is able to promote adequate election funding; \$3.6 billion is needed to enable all citizens to cast their votes.

Encouraging absentee and mail-in voting, allowing same day and online voter registration, adequately funding the U.S. Postal Service and ensuring the health and safety of poll workers and in-person voters is expensive, but the right of citizens to vote is priceless.

It is also the cornerstone of our democracy. Encourage Senator Portman to step up to the responsibility entrusted to him to protect our right to vote freely and fairly.