

# Keystone Votes

## THE COALITION FOR MODERN ELECTIONS

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### **DOS to Cover Postage for Mail-in Ballots**

**HARRISBURG (July 31, 2020)** – Keystone Votes, a nonpartisan coalition comprising 43 civil rights, civil liberties, and good government groups, as well as large civic engagement organizations with members in all 67 counties, today issued the following statement after the Department of State announced that it will provide postage-paid return envelopes with all absentee and mail-in ballots for the November election.

*“No one should have to pay to vote, not even for the cost of a stamp. It is essential that every eligible voter has free access to exercise his or her right to vote,” said Ray Murphy, state coordinator for Keystone Votes. “Offering prepaid postage should encourage even more voters to take advantage of this new mail-in option in Pennsylvania and hopefully further help to reduce long lines and crowded spaces during in-person voting on election day.”*

To ensure Pennsylvanians can vote without risking their health or safety, Keystone Votes has been advocating for several legislative changes before the November general election, including having the state pay postage costs, allowing counties to pre-canvass mail-in ballots and giving counties the flexibility to start planning for polling consolidation, with certain limitations.

Keystone Votes’ legislative agenda is available at [www.KeystoneVotes.org](http://www.KeystoneVotes.org), click “Newsroom.”

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