The countdown to one of the most important elections in our lifetime has officially begun. That means we need to get every Democrat out to vote!

The good news is that it's now easier than ever to vote in Michigan. Thanks to historic election reforms, for the first time, all eligible voters can vote by mail — no excuse needed.

Remember, your city/township clerk must have your ballot in-hand by 8 PM on Tuesday for your vote to be counted. With only three days until the deadline, the best way to ensure your vote is counted is by returning your absentee ballot in person at a secure dropbox or your city/township clerk's office.

If you haven't yet requested your absentee ballot, you still can do that in person and vote at the same time at your city/township clerk's office until Monday at 4 PM. But why wait? Clerks' offices are required to be open at least 8 hours this weekend.

If you have any other questions, please call MDP's Voter Protection Hotline: 833-MI-VOTES (833-648-6837).