

My name is [NAME] and I am a voter in [TOWN], New York.

I want to submit feedback on the ballot language for Proposal 1:

- **The language is very confusing, & I don't understand what it means.**

I learned that the legislature passed a law requiring ballot measures be written in simple English. It is my understanding that you did not meet the goal of proposing language at an eighth grade reading level. There are more accessible words that you should use to explain the impact of the amendment so that all voters understand what they are voting on.

- **The language “reproductive healthcare and autonomy” is unclear to me.** It is very important to understand if abortion is included in the amendment, and I am not sure if it is.

The language says the amendment protects pregnancy, reproductive healthcare and autonomy. This confusing text doesn't clearly describe what the amendment protects. It does not make clear whether this includes protections for abortion — does it? Since *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, it is really important to me that this covers abortion. I want to be certain that I am voting for an amendment that protects abortion.

- **Rather than “sexual orientation and gender identity,” use “LGBT”:**

“Sexual orientation and “gender identity” are not well-known terms for me and many New Yorkers. Simply using the acronym “LGBT” is much clearer. As a New York voter, the term “LGBT” helps me understand exactly what ERA would do - protect communities who face ongoing discrimination in our state.

Thank you,
[SIGN OFF]

Please send comments ASAP on the draft ballot proposal and abstract

via email to comments@elections.ny.gov

or

via mail to the New York State Board of Elections,
40 North Pearl Street, Suite 5, Albany, NY 12207

by or before Friday, July 26, but sooner is better than later!