

February 20, 2021

Dear Senator Flexor, Representative Fox, and Distinguished Members of the Government residents.  
Five of the thirty four – Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Utah and Washington – conduct their  
Administration and Elections Committee,

My name is Constance Adamski. I'm a resident of Southbury and I strongly support HJ 58. Currently thirty-four U.S. states, plus Washington, D.C., successfully offer no-excuse absentee voting to their residents. Five of the thirty four – Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Utah and Washington – conduct their elections entirely by mail. So, why can't Connecticut? "Voter fraud" are the big scare words attached to mail-in no-excuse absentee voting. But all evidence shows that these words are just scare tactics. There is no hard evidence of any voter fraud happening in the history of mail-in voting in the United States, including in the 2020 National election in Connecticut, when Covid-19 was temporarily added to the list of excuses for absentee voting. From what I have read and witnessed no-excuse absentee voting would be a win-win for Connecticut – it would decrease the total cost of administering elections, reduce polling site lines, and most important, increase voting accessibility for residents. Limited or no access to transportation, child care and work schedules, and physical disabilities would disappear as barriers to voting. More Connecticut residents will be able to vote. Isn't that what democracy is all about? Please support HJ-58 so all Connecticut voters have access to no-excuse absentee ballots. All Connecticut residents have a right to vote. Please be a part of removing the barriers that prevent this from happening.

Sincerely,

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