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Dear Legislators:

I urge you to support both HJ 58, to amend the CT constitution to allow no-excuse absentee voting, and HJ 59 to amend the CT constitution to allow early voting.

Access to voting and increasing participation in our representative form of self-government should be a goal on which everyone agrees.

On Election Day 2020 I was a Democratic Party voter protection volunteer in Philadelphia. Thanks to options Pennsylvania affords its voters through both early voting and mail-in voting I saw first-hand another major benefit to such measures in the administration of elections: virtually no lines at polling places and increased efficiency in election operations.

In some precincts, up to 50% of registered voters participated either by mail or by in-person early voting.

Let's bring Connecticut into the 21st Century.

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