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Re: Testimony for 2/22/21 public hearing in SUPPORT/NOT IN SUPPORT of bill HJ-58 for Expanded Access to Absentee Ballots and HJ-59 for Early Voting.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am NOT in favor of these two bills.

The existing laws regarding in-person voting and absentee voting are sufficient.

I am convinced that there is a much greater possibility of voter fraud with any expansion of access to Absentee Ballots. I would also hope that any type of mass-mailed balloting is avoided. There is an even greater chance of fraud in this.

Last year when the Secretary of State directed Town Clerks to mail out Absentee applications to everyone on the voter lists, that created confusion among many voters, and opened the door wide to voter fraud.

In addition, Early Voting is not necessary. If people can't make it to the polls on that day, they can certainly request an Absentee Ballot.

If there is a problem in the larger cities with lines, the local voting organizations need to allow for more polling places, or larger staff to accommodate them.

Many thanks for voting against any expansion of or changes in the current voter statutes.



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