

Dear CGA Government Administration and Elections
Committee Members:

The pandemic enabled CT to have a “demonstration” on the effectiveness of no-excuse absentee ballots and the “drop box” locations similar to early voting approaches. It was a huge success! The current laws unnecessarily limit the use of an absentee ballot to a handful of specific reasons.

Individuals whose schedules may be unpredictable, such as caregivers, parents of young children, frontline workers, may have the intent to make it to the polls, but under current absentee ballot rules their right to vote is denied to them if they are unable to make it to the polls on election day. In Connecticut, the absentee ballot has been used for many years and the process is well established.

The 2020 primary and general election voting all indicate that the extensive use of absentee ballots for any reason and voting early can be done securely without fear of extensive fraud or undue influence. Please vote YES to support HJ58 and HJ59.

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