

Dear CT Legislature:

I'm writing in support of H.J. No. 58 (Comm), H.J. No. 59 (Comm), and S.B. No 901 (Raised), to early voting and allow absentee voting permanently in CT.

I was very grateful that the legislature did what was necessary to allow early absentee voting during the Nov 2020 voting season. Only after utilizing the opportunity, did I realize how much stress was lifted. At that (pandemic) time, there was so much else to worry about, (family, friends, job, groceries, isolation), that I hadn't expected the tangible peace that accompanied the dropping of that early ballot, into the ballot box. I think I will remember the moment forever. Thank you.

Since stress and worry were noticeably lower after casting my early vote, I realized a measure of how concerned I'd been. I'd been worried that something would happen (weather, health, emergency) to obstruct my voting on Tuesday Nov 3. Even if there is no emergency, no pandemic, in the future, that same worry exists for many, and could easily be relieved by passing these bills, and allowing CT voters to vote early and absentee, and maintain secure accurate elections. That stress has health consequences, for CT voters, that can be relieved.

Thank you so much for this consideration.

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