

Dear GAE COMMITTEE CO CHAIRS SEN FLEXER AND REP FOX, VICE CHAIRS SEN HASKELL AND REP THOMAS AND RANKING MEMBERS SEN SAMPSON AND REP MASTEOFRANS ESCO AND MEMBERS OF THE GAE COMMITTEE,

- I. I AM WRITING IN SUPPORT OF HJ NO 58 resolution proposing a state constitutional amendment to allow no excuse absentee ballot voting and HJ NO 59 resolution approving an amendment to the state constitution to allow for early voting
- II. THE REASONS IM IN FAVOR OF THESE TWO BILLS ARE THAT THEY WILL MAKE VOTING MUCH EASIER, ESPECIALLY DURING EVENTS LIKE PANDEMICS . VOTING SHOULD NOT BE ARDUOUS. VOTING SHOULD BE MADE ACCESSIBLE GIVEN ALL THE CONVENIENT TECHNOLOGY AT OUR DISPOSAL. VOTING SHOULD BE EASILY AVAILABLE TO THE ELDERLY OR PEOPLE WHO DONT HAVE ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION TO GET TO THE POLLS. VOTING SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE TO THOSE OF US WHO HAVE TO WORK ON ELECTION DAY. STUDENTS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO LOSE A DAY OF SCHOOL BECAUSE THEIR BUILDINGS ARE USED AS POLLING PLACES. I ALSO FIND IT DISTURBING THAT CERTAIN GROUPS LOITER AT THE POLLING STATIONS HANDING OUT REPLICAS OF BALLOTS HIGHLIGHTING THOSE PEOPLE WHO YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR IF YOU ARE REGISTERED WITH A PARTICULAR PARTY IT MAKES GOING TO THE POLLS INTIMIDATING. THIS SHOULD NOT HAPPEN.

THANK YOU,
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