

Dear Members of the Government Administration and Elections (GAE) Committee,

My name is Sally Esposito, and I am a 71-year-old New Haven voter. I strongly support amending the State Constitution to permit both no-excuse absentee voting and early voting.

Passing both HJ 58, a Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the State Constitution to Permit No-Excuse Absentee Voting; and HJ 59, a Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the State Constitution to Permit Early Voting are extremely important to me because although I have always voted in person in the past, this year, I listened to State of CT and CDC advice and did not go into public places during the pandemic. The ability to request an absentee ballot, receive it by mail, and deposit it in a secure ballot box enabled me to have my voice heard in this most important election. I also strongly support early voting in CT as it would enable many to have their voices heard who would otherwise be left out due to work, transportation, or medical issues. Both options would provide seniors like myself and people with disabilities more opportunities to participate and avoid weather and health-related conditions that might prevent them from getting to a polling place on election day.

Please pass these resolutions to enable those of us who are older or who have health conditions to not have to guess what our voting options will be during each election season. I will be satisfied with the will of the people regarding these amendments, but, the people must have the opportunity to vote on these Constitutional amendments. You will make it possible for these votes to take place.

Thank you very much.

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