

February 19, 2021

Government Administration and Elections Committee  
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: SUPPORT FOR HJ59 AND HJ58

Dear Elections Committee,

My name is Susan Glantz. I live in Madison and I am writing to urge your support of Proposed Bill No. H.J. 58 Resolution Proposing a State Constitutional Amendment to Allow No-Excuse Absentee Voting, and Proposed Bill H.J. No. 59 Resolution Approving an Amendment to the State Constitution to Allow for Early Voting.

I voted by absentee ballot in the 2020 election due to the pandemic and I placed my ballot in my town's secure drop box to avoid postal delays. I was grateful that the State of CT made it possible for us to do that for this election. We need to make this option permanently available without requiring an excuse to use an absentee ballot. In addition, early voting will increase the voting options open to our citizens, especially in the cities where there are long lines. Nearly all other states have these options available for voting in their elections. We need to update our Constitution to bring it into the current century, making voting easier for our citizens.

In addition, I am furthermore in support of: 1) Legislation to implement automatic voter registration (AVR) beyond the Dept. of Motor Vehicles to other state agencies and to update the voter registration (OVR) system; 2) legislation to allow for absentee ballots to be counted early and to have secure ballot drop boxes; and 3) legislation to restore voting rights to individuals on parole.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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