

Testimony in **SUPPORT** of:

HJ 58: Resolution Proposing a State Constitutional Amendment to Allow No-Excuse Absentee Voting

HJ 59: Resolution Approving an Amendment to the State Constitution to Allow for Early Voting

Dear GAE Committee Co-Chairs Sen. Flexer and Rep. Fox, Vice Chairs Sen. Haskell and Rep. Thomas, and Ranking Members Sen. Sampson and Rep. Mastrofrancesco and Members of the GAE Committee,

Please vote YES on HJ58 in support of a Resolution Proposing a State Constitutional Amendment to Allow No-Excuse Absentee Voting and in support of HJ59, a Resolution Approving an Amendment to the State Constitution to Allow for Early Voting.

Your YES vote will allow your constituents to express their opinion on whether or not they want voting to be easier, accessible and convenient in CT via a ballot referendum.

We are seniors with compromised health, and loved being able to vote from home and to drop off their ballots in the drop boxes at our Town Hall. Like many of our friends, we had no idea that this measure was temporary and believe that many voters will be quite surprised and disappointed when they realize they can no longer vote from home.

Voting in CT needs to be more convenient for **ALL** CT voters. During the 2020 primary and general elections, as a result of Covid-19, we were given a taste of just how easy, accessible and convenient voting can be. It became more than obvious how restrictive CT's voting laws are compared to those of other states. We watched as state after state voted early in-person and their voters easily obtained no-excuse absentee ballots. It was distressing to learn that our great state is one of only a handful of states that does not offer either early voting or unrestricted absentee voting.

Sincerely
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