

H.J. NO 58 RESOLUTION: PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT TO  
ALLOW NO EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING

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Members of the GAE Committee:

My name is Katherine Grace; I live in Beacon Falls, CT. I am writing in support of **No Excuse Absentee Voting**. I have been a Registrar of Voters for 36 years and almost from day one, I have spoken in support of No Excuse Absentee Voting. Voting is a **Right** and we should make it as easy as possible for people to exercise that right. We should not be putting hurdles in their way.

I know elderly people who find it difficult to get out to vote and even to walk the short distance from the official checker's table to the privacy booth to mark their ballot, but they are not sick and are not comfortable checking the "illness" box on the application for an absentee ballot. I also know people who work all day and need to get home to make dinner for the family; they are too exhausted to go back out to the polls to cast their ballot. I also know people who use the bus to get to and from work; they would have to rely on a different bus to get to and from the polls, in the dark, after a long day at work

One only has to compare the voter turn-out for the 2020 election, where "NO Excuse" absentee voting was allowed, with previous elections, to know that people want to vote, but sometimes it is just too big a burden. We had an 85% voter turnout this past November, compared to 75% in previous years.

I urge you to help people exercise their **Right to Vote** by supporting

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Thank you for your attention.