

I am writing in fervent support of bills HJ 58 and HJ 59 for Absentee Voting and for Early Voting. It is beyond time for Connecticut to join a preponderance of other states that allow better voting accessibility to all residents and, as such, a more vigorous democracy. An abundance of research based on these voting accessibility expansions in other states has proven that they do not compromise election security or integrity and that they increase voter participation. It is a disservice to Connecticut constituents for our state to maintain an increasingly archaic practice of insisting that voting take place in person during a set time on just one day. People get sick, have family or job responsibilities, or ongoing disabilities that make such restrictive voting difficult, and everyone deserves and has a right to a voice in elections in spite of such ordinary difficulties.

Thank you for your consideration and for supporting both of these bills!

Sincerely,

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