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February 20, 2021

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

I am writing to you as a retired 72-year old voting resident of the state of Connecticut. I pride myself on voting in every election that is open to me, national, state, and town. I am asking that your committee vote **YES** in support of these two bills to be voted out of committee.

I support these bills because it is time for voting in Connecticut to become more convenient for EVERY VOTER. Presently 36 states plus Washington D.C. offer Early-In-Person Voting; 31 states plus Washington D.C. offer No-excuse Absentee Voting. Polls and surveys done in Connecticut show that voters want more access to voting options beyond the present in-person voting in a polling place on Election day.

I was especially grateful during the 2020 Election to be able to vote by absentee ballot, and that the process was so easy. I did so because of the pandemic. By 2022 we are counting on our lives being “normal.” We all hope that this will be so.

Please vote **YES** so that this legislation may be voted out of committee and go to the floor of the Connecticut Senate and House for final votes.

Thank you for your hard work for the people of the state of Connecticut. Please stay safe!

Sincerely,
Kathleen R. Hennessey
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