

February 18, 2021

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

My name is Jenny Hille and I live in Riverside (Greenwich, CT).

I am writing to you in support of HJ58 and HJ59 to allow early voting and no-excuse absentee ballot voting in Connecticut.

In the United States, 43 states and the District of Columbia offer early in-person voting as an option and voters have more than one day on which they can vote.

As a senior citizen I lament the fact that there are so many restrictions in Connecticut against making voting easier, not only for us seniors but for citizens of all ages and social status, working parents, essential workers, retirees, homebound or handicapped voters and so on, most of whom are greatly hampered by the one day limit on voting. This is akin to voter suppression and should not continue to be tolerated by our legislature.

While we say that voting is a right, and not a privilege, it is difficult for many to get to the polls, wait in line and then get back home on a single specified day in November. That is not easy access to the polls. In Connecticut the vast majority of voters support these bills.

It is deplorable that Connecticut is so backwards in its voting rules, one of the last 7 states resisting improving the situation. We need to make it easier to vote in Connecticut, not harder.

Please support HJ58 and HJ59 this year.

Thank you,  
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