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Senator Flexer, Representative Fox, ranking members Sampson and Mastrofrancesco and distinguished Members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee:

I am writing to you in support of HJ58 and HJ59, the resolutions proposing constitutional amendments to allow no-excuse absentee and early voting in Connecticut.

Connecticut lags behind the rest of the nation in access to the ballot. It's high time that the state took steps to improve upon this glaring deficiency. Last year's elections are proof that making voting easier can increase turnout and be done securely without widespread fraud. I personally took advantage of the governor's executive action and voted absentee in the primary election. It was a very satisfying experience.

But don't stop here with voting reforms. We should also make the winners of our elections better reflect the will of those who voted. That's why I urge you to raise HB-5884, the Act Establishing a Task Force to Study Ranked Choice Voting. A similar bill passed the House in 2019 and was raised in committee last year.

Thank you for moving forward these essential voting reforms and strengthening our democracy.

Sincerely,

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