

**Testimony in Support of Proposed Bill HJ 58 RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING**

I am in full support of the above Resolution Proposing a State Constitutional Amendment to allow No-excuse Absentee Voting in Connecticut.

We are one of the few states that does not allow early or absentee voting and I think we need to get current. Many people have jobs where they are “on call” and don’t know if they can swear to being away on the day of voting because they have no way of knowing. This includes healthcare workers, police, firemen and other emergency workers. This also includes restaurant employees and “gig” workers.

No excuse absentee would also cover people injured and incapacitated at the last minute, something that occurred to me. I did not know if I was going to be in a skilled nursing facility on election day because of an injury I sustained while I was on vacation.

As a senior citizen, I appreciated being able to vote ahead of time during the last election and would like to continue to do so.

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