

9 Tanglewood Lane
Westport, CT 06880

February 18, 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. Mastrofrancesco and Members of the GAE Committee:

I am writing in **support** of the Resolutions cited below.

Please make voting easy, convenient and accessible for ALL Connecticut voters by voting YES in SUPPORT of bill HJ 58 for a Resolution Proposing a State Constitutional Amendment to Allow No-Excuse Absentee Voting **and** in SUPPORT of bill number HJ 59: Resolution Approving an Amendment to the State Constitution to Allow for Early Voting.

Voting in Connecticut needs to be more convenient for ALL our voters. During the 2020 primary and general election we were given a taste of that convenience. As a result more citizens took part in the election than ever before, fulfilling their right and their duty.

The reason I was especially happy to vote early by mail in 2020 was that I had volunteered to be a poll worker (working a full 15 hours on Election Day) and would not have been able to vote in person, as at the last minute I was assigned to a polling place other than my usual one. I hope to work at the polls for future elections, so would appreciate that convenience going forward.

I also appreciated the additional convenience of a ballot box outside Town Hall and would hope that option would be available for all future elections as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

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