

February 21, 2021

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing this letter in support of both HJ 58: A Resolution Proposing a State Constitutional Amendment to allow No-Excuse Absentee Voting and HJ 59: A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the State Constitution for Early Voting.

Having the honor and pleasure of serving as a monitor for the federal election of 2020, I experienced the positive effect of absentee balloting. The overwhelming fear, warning of a deluge of voters who would tax the voting precincts, did not happen due to the high percentage of absentee ballots cast. It was a blessing and a relief for all poll workers and exhibited forward thinking by our Secretary of State and our state officials.

As for early voting, it would allow those who have no opportunity to cast their vote on the singular day as determined by our state constitution. For people of brown or black color whose abilities to vote are underserved in this state, this makes sense. This has been solved by other states, accommodating their voters with opportunities for more days to vote

Why are we not making it easier for the voters of Connecticut to have a vote?

Why are we not moving into the 22nd century, leaving behind our legacy of being one of only 7 states who continue to limit the voting rights of their constituents?

Your affirmative vote on both these bills will answer these questions.

Thank you for your consideration,

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