

Good day,

I am writing in support of HJ 58 to amend the Connecticut constitution to allow for no-excuse absentee voting, and in support of HJ 59 to amend the Connecticut constitution to allow early voting.

During the 2016 general election, we discovered that ballot boxes for the collection of no-excuse absentee ballots made voting safe, convenient, and available to all registered voters, not only those who were able to get to the polls during a 14 hour period on a single day in November. Many reasons exist for Connecticut to fall in line with most of the other states in the US, including making voting available, for example, to those who work or are caring for children or the elderly and infirm during the hours polls are open, those who need assistance voting, those for whom transportation is a problem, and the probability of inclement weather in November.

Thank you for your attention.

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