

Dear GAE Committee Co-Chairs Sen. Flexner 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 following bills:

H.J. No. 58: RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE BALLOTING

H.J. No. 59: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW FOR EARLY VOTING

As a senior citizen in my seventies, I appreciated very much that we were able to vote by no excuses absentee ballot during the pandemic this past fall. It makes sense to institute this permanently, since so many of us just can't count on our health being good enough on Election Day to get to the polls. Early Voting is also an excellent reform that will similarly give seniors more options. When I was younger and working full time at a demanding job and with family responsibilities, I would have appreciated early voting and no-excuses absentee voting as well. A democracy is only viable if everyone can vote and the current arrangements do not maximize this. Many other states already have early and no excuses absentee balloting. I am as concerned about voter fraud as the next person, but there does not seem to be much evidence from around the country that this has led to widespread voter fraud. This should be a bipartisan issue.

Thank you for holding hearings on these Resolutions. I urge you to vote YES for the bills to be voted out of Committee.

Sincerely,

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