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I submit this testimony at the risk of being cancelled or labelled a crackpot conspiracy theorist. I voted for Donald Trump in the 2020 election. Although I knew full well that he would not carry the State of Connecticut, I fully expected him to win the election. There are mountains of evidence that will never be investigated or heard in a court of law that suggest there was malfeasance related to the sheer volume of mail in ballots with no system in place to manage them appropriately. I am not alone in my belief that if not for COVID and the uncontrolled proliferation of mail in ballots, Donald Trump would likely still be President. And although I have no plans to run off and join a militia or storm the Capitol with a pitchfork, I feel very strongly that these bills being considered will only perpetuate the problem which has caused an enormous amount of distrust in the integrity of our elections. There is absolutely no reason on God's green earth for "no excuse" absentee ballots or early voting (HJ No. 58 and HJ No. 59). If you can't vote in person, you request an absentee ballot. Period. Unsolicited ballots of any sort being mailed willy nilly prior to an election are an invitation for fraud. And as far as the extension of the changes made for COVID (SB NO. 901 and HB No. 6464), this state is ahead of the curve with respect to getting residents vaccinated and infection rates, hospitalizations, and death rates are dropping with each passing day; COVID will be in our rear view mirror very soon, therefore, there is no need for this legislation either. And one other thing. It is time for the legislature to start doing it's job and relieve Governor Lamont of his special COVID dispensation.

Respectfully submitted,

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