

To: Connecticut Administration and Elections Committee,

Senator Berthel has made me aware of the First Hearing on CT Election Law. I am writing to oppose the changes listed in his e-mail.

Specifically:

H.J. No. 58, Allowing no-excuse absentee voting opens the door to voting abuse. How many of the dead will rise to cast a ballot?

H.J. No. 59, What is the purpose in allowing Early Voting? If someone is going to be out of the state on election day, they can apply for an absentee ballot under existing law. Voting should be restricted to one day, election day. We know well in advance the day it will occur. We plan for less important events. If you can't fit it into your schedule, you miss the opportunity. Positive, photo identification is essential.

S.B. No. 901 and H.B. No. 6464, Why is there a need to extend Covid-19 powers further? Connecticut has done an exemplary job in dealing with this medical crisis. It's time to let the emergency powers expire. If new emergency powers are required they should be voted on and implemented on a short term, monthly, basis.

Providing five days notice of upcoming public hearings: This certainly puts the minority legislators at a disadvantage. Think of the multi-page legislation presented to Congress a day or two before voting. No one has the time to read it, never mind digesting and considering it's validity. Who's kidding who? I don't want Connecticut in the same position.

Respectfully submitted,

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