

Dear Members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee:

I am writing in favor of HJ58 and HJ59, the resolutions proposing constitutional amendments to allow no-excuse absentee and early voting in Connecticut. I voted for similar constitutional amendments when they were on the ballot a few years ago, and my enthusiasm has only grown since then. For whatever reason (inertia, I suppose), Connecticut lags nearly all other states in its use of early voting and absentee voting. We should be making it easier, not more difficult, to vote.

Because of our citizens' experiences with no-excuse absentee voting during the 2020 elections, support for making this option, and early voting, permanent is likely at an all-time high. One-third of all ballots were cast via absentee ballots, and the process went remarkably smoothly with record-high turnout.

Equally important is to help ensure that winning candidates better reflect the will of the majority. I've written before in support of Ranked Choice Voting, which results in candidates with majority support, so I am also asking you to vote HB-5884, the Act Establishing a Task Force to Study Ranked Choice Voting, out of your committee.

Thank you for considering these important voting and election reforms.

Sincerely,

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