

February 19, 2021

Dear GAE Committee Co-Chairs Senator Flexer and Representative Fox, Vice Chairs Senator Haskell and Representative Thomas, Ranking Members Senator Sampson and Representative Mastrofrancesco, and Members of the GAE Committee,

We are the Steering Committee for a Stamford based group women (WOW) Women On Watch and are writing to ask you to support **HJ58. ( No Excuse Absentee Voting)** and **HJ59 (Early Voting)**.

We believe that our group, which consists of more than 300 like minded members, knows it is time for Connecticut to make Voting easier and more convenient for its residents. Like the majority of our Country, we **NEED** more than 1 day a year to cast our votes! Also, we should not be required to have a "State" approved excuse to obtain an Absentee Ballot.

Our lives have become busier and more complicated. Voting is one of our most important and sacred rights. Everyone who wants to vote is not always able to **on** Election Day. It is imperative to make this sacred right easier and more accessible to each and every one of us.

During the 2020 election, Connecticut demonstrated that it is up to the task of Absentee Voting. We are confident Early Voting and allowing No Excuse Absentee Ballots, can be moved forward, by this Body, in a competent and efficient manner. It should also increase voter turnout.

We hope you will consider these points when you cast your votes on these long overdue Bills. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Steering Committee for WOW