

My name is Jim Townsley. I reside in Southington. I am speaking against the following bills.

*[H.J. No. 58](#) (COMM) RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING.

*[H.J. No. 59](#) (COMM) RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW FOR EARLY VOTING.

*[S.B. No. 901](#) (RAISED) AN ACT EXTENDING TO JUNE 30, 2021, CHANGES IMPLEMENTED FOR THE 2020 STATE ELECTION AS A RESULT OF COVID-19.

*[H.B. No. 6464](#) (RAISED) AN ACT EXTENDING TO MAY 31, 2021, SEVERAL CHANGES IMPLEMENTED FOR THE 2020 STATE ELECTION AS A RESULT OF COVID-19.

Election integrity is of utmost importance in our state. Last year I ran for state legislator in my district. As I visited to meet people and seek their support I found many people that received an unsolicited application to vote. Most were confused completely about it. My brother several years ago stayed with us for one year and voted in our district. For a decade his name remained on the voter list even though i asked it be removed several times. The state allows people who are unable to go to a poll on election day because they are unable or out of town to vote. This is sufficient without opening the door to the possibility of voter fraud. The last election saw some people far ahead until the absentee ballots came in which turned the election to the other candidate. How did this happen? It certainly raises doubt in many people's mind. The safest way to provide election integrity is for every capable person to vote on election day, show their ID and fill out a ballot that they mark which can be verified in the case of a recount. Please don't drive more good people out of this state with any one of these bills.

