

Senator Flexer, Rep Fox and distinguished members of the Government A
and Elections Committee.

My name is Peter Tuccitto, I am a registered voter in East Hartford.

I am here to testify regarding 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.

Having the ability to vote using the no-excuse absentee voting system, allowed me to place my ballot in a secure drop box at the East Hartford Town Hall weeks before the November 3rd, 2020 election. That gave me the confidence that my vote would be counted and the safety from a pandemic that was ravishing our country at the time. As a person who suffers from multiple comorbidities: diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol, I did not feel safe standing in a line and then gathering inside a space with others who may have been infected with the virus yet remained asymptomatic.

Also, the ability to utilize the drop box versus mailing the ballot gave me more confidence it would not be delayed or lost. I am sure you have all watched the same news coverage on the shameful last moment changes to the U.S. Postal Service enacted during a year of a Presidential Election. All confidence in them having the ability to process so many mail-in ballots was lost.

Finally, I continue to see so many other states with early in-person voting and wonder why I am not able to do this as well. I believe it is time for Connecticut to join the other states who have early in-person voting as well as early no-excuse absentee voting.

Thank you for reading my testimony today.