

HJ 58: Resolution Proposing a State Constitutional Amendment to Allow No-Excuse Absentee Voting

HJ 59: Resolution Approving an Amendment to the State Constitution to Allow for Early Voting

Dear GAE Committee Co-Chairs Sen. Flexer and Rep. Fox, Vice Chairs Sen. Haskell and Rep. Thomas, and Ranking Members Sen. Sampson and Rep. Mastrofrancesco and Members of the GAE Committee,

It is clear to me that the more people vote, the stronger our Democracy. Participation is the name of the game. That starts right here in Connecticut. Unfortunately, Connecticut is one of the minority of States that does not have early voting or no excuse absentee voting.

This year, because we were all allowed to vote by absentee ballot, we had an extremely large voter turnout. About 35% of voters participated by absentee ballot.

Moreover, polls show that there is wide bi-partisan support for no excuse absentee voting. I personally loved the convenience of dropping my ballot securely in the drop box at Town Hall. I didn't have to worry about fitting a trip to the polls into my schedule of work and family obligations, not knowing what kind of lines to expect. I would like to have the choice of absentee voting in every election. I would also like the option of voting early in person. Please let all Connecticut voters decide what they want.

Please vote **YES** on **HJ 58** in **SUPPORT** of a **Resolution Proposing a State Constitutional Amendment to Allow No-Excuse Absentee Voting** which would allow **all** registered voters to choose to **vote by absentee ballot** and in **SUPPORT** of **HJ 59 Resolution Approving an Amendment to the State Constitution to Allow for Early Voting** which would allow all registered voters to choose to **vote early**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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