

My name is Roxana Walker-Canton. I am a voter from Hamden. Passing both HJ 58, a Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the State Constitution to Permit No-Excuse Absentee Voting; and HJ 59, a Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the State Constitution to Permit Early Voting are extremely important to me because although voting is a protected right in our democratic country it continues to be under attack for black, brown and poor people. Voting should not be a difficult nor tedious act. We should desire that all citizens have equal opportunities to vote. Our democracy depends on people voting. These bills will ensure that more people will have the opportunity to vote. 43 states offer in-person early voting options, including 6 states with all-mail elections, making it unnecessary for them. Connecticut lags behind most of the nation. Many voters work 2 or 3 jobs just to keep their families afloat and need more options than just a single day to get time off for voting. Nearly 80% of Connecticut voters support early voting.

More than 650,000 voters voted by absentee ballot in the 2020 CT General Election—which means they voted early on their own schedules. Connecticut's record-breaking 80% voter turnout in the 2020 General Election was thanks to absentee ballot voting. Furthermore, 73% of Connecticut voters support giving all voters the option to vote by absentee ballot without needing an excuse.

The choice is clear. Please choose democracy and pass HJ 58 and HJ 59.

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