

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HJ58 (NEAV) & HJ59 (EV) BALLOT RESOLUTIONS

Senator Flexer, Representative Fox, ranking members Sampson and Mastrofrancesco and distinguished members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee:

I am writing in favor of HJ58 and HJ59, the resolutions proposing constitutional amendments to allow no-excuse absentee and early voting in Connecticut.

Expanded access to absentee voting last year increased voter participation across the state. I personally was relieved to have this option as I am 85 years old and have mobility issues. One third of all ballots were cast absentee. Early voting as I understand it was a great relief to working people. Polls show that both NEAV and EV were supported in Connecticut regardless of party affiliation.

I believe that we need also one other voting reform to reflect the will of the majority. Making it easier to vote is Ranked Choice Voting HB-5884. I urge you to vote the Act Establishing a Task Force to Study Ranked Choice Voting, out of your committee.

Thank you for your kind attention to these voting and election reforms.

Sincerely,

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