

This is my written testimony regarding both No-Excuse Absentee Voting and Early Voting.

I am in my 70's, and the older I get, the more important I believe it is to make voting accessible to all people. The USA has an abysmal record of the percent of eligible people who actually vote. A strong democracy requires that all eligible voters participate. When we offer only a partial day of voting and we offer little flexibility in ways of voting, we lose voters.

I think of the elderly who may not have easy mobility or transportation. I think of working people who may not be paid if they miss any work time. I think of young parents who don't have flexibility between work time and child care. I think of people who don't own cars in a town or city that has few options for public transportation. There is no reason to make voting as difficult as it is in Connecticut for these people.

Let's make changes for the people of Connecticut, for the better, for a future that includes more active voting participation. Allow No Excuse Absentee Voting and Early Voting.

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