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**OPPOSE H.J. No. 58 (COMM) RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT TO ALLOW NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING**

Honorable Committee Members:

My name is Bo Yang, an active voter and a resident at Fairfield CT for 18 years. I am writing to oppose H.J. No. 58 Resolution proposing a state constitutional amendment to allow no-excuse absentee voting.

As an immigrant from a country that voting of government officials is not allowed, I take the voting right in the US very seriously. The integrity and trustworthiness of the voting are the key to voters' confidence that their ballots are counted without fraudulent ballots being included to distort the true will of the voters. Voting in person is not only a ceremonial demonstration of democracy, but also a trustworthy act to have every voter to participate. No-excuse absentee voting is not only a direct attack to the integrity and trustworthiness of the voting right every voter deserves to have, but also opens the door for massive fraudulent voting practices.

The most important thing for the CT legislature to do is to make sure the integrity and trustworthiness of the voting being protected so the voters are very confident that their votes are counted. Amending the STATE CONSTITUTION to allow no-excuse absentee voting damages the trust of the voting system, hurts people's confidence in the voting system, ultimately ends the democracy of the state and the country.

Therefore I strongly oppose H.J. No. 58 Resolution proposing a state constitutional amendment to allow no-excuse absentee voting.

Please preserve the integrity and trustworthiness of the voting rights of CT people by voting NO to this proposed bill.

Sincerely,

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