

I wish to speak in favor of early voting and no excuse absentee voting. There are a few reasons why it is time for Connecticut to finally offer these voting options.

My parents are in their 80's. It isn't easy to get to the polls let alone stand in line. The ability for the elderly and disabled to be able to vote early or via absentee, is priceless for them. Voting is a right that shouldn't be determined by your ability to get to a polling location.

In addition, I work 45 minutes from my home. Often, I work past 8 pm. Generally, I need to leave my house by 7 am. In order to vote, I need to get up early to be at the polls by 6:30 am. There are many people in our state with long commutes. Whereas the voting hours are basically all day, they still do not work for many people in our state. Again, your job should not prohibit you from being able to vote. Early voting/no excuse absentee voting would allow more access for voters.

I can't think of one reason not to offer this. One of the most important rights we have is to vote for whom we want to represent us. Everyone should have the access to that right.

Thank you.

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