HJ 00001 No excuse absentee voting

Oppose. – the ability to vote absentee ballot for any reason.

Voting is sacred. It is a privilege. To casually suggest that any person, at any time can opt to submit an Absentee Ballot for any reason is to make a mockery of it. The state of Connecticut has also allowed for two hours of paid time off to vote on election day. There is not justification to create a system for no excuse voting.

HB05004 Early voting

Oppose. There are far too many loopholes within the Early Voting process. Voting is the bedrock of this nation. Free and fair elections. I know we all agree on that premise. The issue is how do we get there and Early Voting is not it. Adding additional polling days puts an unfair burden on already overwhelmed Registrars, who can barely identify enough poll workers on actual Election Day. The extra costs for each designated day as Early Voting will be exorbitant. There is also a huge issue with security and process. Who controls the ballots during this multi-day/week voting period. I see no provision/requirement for daily vote tallies to be submitted to the Secretary of State. There must be a safeguard to prevent the mysterious ballots found AFTER election day; there must be reporting and accountability for daily totals and there must be a requirement for final counting to be completed on Election Day. No exceptions. Transparency with the public is vital.

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HB06693 Absentee voting.

Oppose.

I strongly oppose Absentee voting. There is no confidence in voter identity and no chain of custody. It is an election fraud gold mine.

Within the wording of the bill there is a significant conflict on Pages 4 and 5 lines 113 – 116. This is not valid. If a Registrar determines if an applicant does not meet the criteria to vote, they are ineligible. Provisional voting is only for the polling places {where the Registrar is not immediately available to check the qualifications of the elector.} To allow provisional ballots to be accepted when not deemed qualified by the Registrar is a violation of MY rights as a qualified voter.

After the 2020 elections I canvassed a significant number of voter records, via in person or computer canvass. Of the roughly 250 voter names that I canvassed, I generated 70 affidavits stating that votes were inappropriately cast in the 2020 election. Let me say that a different way. 28% of the voting records canvassed had a problem! My affidavits were the result of significant irregularities such as: no such person associated with that address, they had moved months prior to election, the address was a vacant lot, there was evidence of them living out of state, etc. That is far from a secure election. Our voter rolls and the verification systems are corrupt. To expand Absentee Voting without correcting our voter rolls and process will only further exacerbate the integrity of our elections.

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SJ 00029 Resolution Approving an Amendment to allow No-Excuse Absentee Voting

Oppose.

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SB000713 An Act Concerning the Disclosure of Absentee Ballot Applications.

Oppose. This is better known as ballot harvesting and it is a gold mine for fraud. There is not enough safeguards to protect our voting process in this manner. As written, wording must be added stating that it is a felony to tamper with ballots and/or to collect them. The word "solely" must be removed (Line 10); there is no instance that distributing or assisting absentee ballots should involve ANY compensation, in like or kind. This is just another example of how much fraud is associated with Absentee Ballot Applications. There is no chain of custody. There is no security. There is no protection that is securing MY vote. Strongly oppose.

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SB 01057 An act concerning the Secretary of State and early voting

Oppose. This bill is vague and unclear. Is the intent here to ALSO make Connecticut an open-primary state? Currently, both parties in Connecticut require party affiliation at least three months prior to a primary election. There is verbiage within this bill to the contrary.

There are several pages that require attention in SB 01057:

Page 5/line 121. Page 14 / Line 415 Strong objection to the wording "as nearly as possible." Chain of custody is not an abstract idea. It requires absolute control of the ballots at all times. Period.

Page 6/line 148 Strong objection to the use of "as nearly as possible." Ballot counters shall perform checking of ballots. Period. Ballot counters must be trained to check ballots correctly, not "as nearly as possible."

Lines 282-297 page 10. Submitting an ID issued by a higher education institution is NOT an acceptable ID for voting registration; it merely verifies a person is a student at an institution. A person applying for same day registration must show proof of permanent residence, not where they are going to school. School issued identification only verifies the individual as a student; it does not show their permanent residence or even their citizenship status. There is nothing here that protects the integrity of MY vote.

Lines 880-894 reflect proper registration procedures and are in direct conflict with lines 282-297. Furthermore the timing of required notification by town registrars when registering via DMV/Voter registration agency (lines 903-913) is grossly unrealistic.

Lines 306-310. + lines 343-347 addressing Party affiliation. A current elector is not eligible to change party affiliation on the day of a primary. Also see lines 869-876 page 28 Connecticut is a closed primary state and has a three month wait to change party prior to a primary vote.

Line 423-425. If an elector is already "enrolled in a political party," they are not eligible to change party affiliation on the same day, CT has a 3 month wait to change party.

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SB 1064 (similar to SB 1057)

An act concerning the Secretary of State and implementation of early voting

Oppose. This bill is vague and unclear. Is the intent here to ALSO make Connecticut an open-primary state? Currently, both parties in Connecticut require party affiliation at least three months prior to a primary election. There is verbiage within this bill to the contrary.