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To whom it may concern,

My name is Abigail Rocktaschel and I am from West Hartford, Connecticut. I turned 18 in June of this year, which means I will be able to vote this November. I am excited to participate in something that connects communities to their government: voting. I believe that the Government Administration and Elections Committee should extend absentee voting to all eligible voters in Connecticut this November because voting is essential to a thriving and fair democracy, and everyone should have an equal opportunity to vote from home, college, work, etc.

I will be going to college the week of the election in November so I will have to self-quarantine for 2 weeks prior to my moving date, but I can still participate in voting from home via an absentee ballot that will be given to me. By providing all Connecticut voters with an absentee ballot, the risk of contracting Covid 19 in the polls is eliminated. Also, absentee ballots are more efficient, which will make a difference to me, packing for college, and also people who work. Lastly, some teenagers that I know believe that their vote doesn't matter because of the Electoral College and because theirs is just one vote. However, by making voting even easier via absentee ballots, more people may choose to participate. Absentee ballots should be provided as an option to all voters in Connecticut because they may be a more convenient and safe way for people to vote given circumstances with the pandemic.