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Members of the GAE Committee
State Capitol
Hartford, CT

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Dear Distinguished Members of the GAE Committee:

I urge you to pass LCO #3576 so that all Connecticut voters will be able to vote by absentee ballot during the entire pandemic. No voter should have to choose between protecting his or her health and exercising the right to vote.

Since becoming eligible to vote in 1964, I have never missed voting in any election from the most local of elections to presidential elections. Unfortunately, because of my age and an underlying condition that puts me at risk for serious consequences if I contract COVID-19, I may face the difficult choice between safe guarding my health and safe guarding our democracy in November.

It's hard to imagine the possibility that I may not vote for the first, and only, time in fifty-six years. I will probably choose to exercise my right to vote, regardless, and pray that I don't become sick with COVID-19, with a very real chance of death.

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