



NEW BRITAIN AREA

July 20, 2020

The League of Women Voters, New Britain Area strongly urges your support of LCO # 3576, which will allow voters to use absentee ballots in the November 3, 2020 election, because of COVID 19 health concerns.

We are not asking to change the Constitution. The House and Senate may pass new legislation that permits any eligible voter to use an absentee ballot during the COVID-19 pandemic.

New Britain's voting population includes many elderly voters who are especially at risk of contracting debilitating, even deadly cases of COVID-19. Their vote should not mean a choice between their voting right and their health. Without the right to vote by absentee ballot, many of these elderly voters, who have been self-isolating in their homes for months, may very well give up their right to vote. This is not necessary. Absentee ballot voting will ensure their right to vote.

Connecticut has a long history of safe, accurate absentee ballot voting for specific reasons. We ask that in this present state of emergency of COVID – 19, that absentee ballots be made available to those with concerns about the COVID- 19 virus.

Thank you for supporting the right to vote!

Respectfully,

Ann Speyer, Secretary

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