

I am 71 years old, in relative good health, living with my 76 year old husband who has a heart condition. I have never missed voting in an election since I was old enough to vote, which at that time was at age 21. My husband and I have been in quarantine for over 4 months. We do not go to the grocery store. We do not go to restaurants. We avoid any indoor activities. We were thrilled to receive our absentee ballot application to vote in the August 11th primary.

I have been anxiously watching the numbers since the pandemic first hit Connecticut, and am happy to see the curve flattening. However, as I see the spikes in other states I feel we must continue to be careful. As there are predictions for a “second wave” in the Fall, complicated by the flu season I feel that voting in November may be more dangerous than in August. More people vote in a presidential election, than in primaries, and social distancing will be very difficult.

Therefore, I feel it is imperative that we have voting by mail for all residents in November. Those that came before us risked and some lost their lives for the right to vote. We must not take that right away during this pandemic.

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