

I am writing to voice my support for expanding absentee voting in Connecticut. This makes sense not only in times such as these, but in more normal times as well. The state of Connecticut has been setting an example for the rest of the nation in how it's kept its citizens safe and succeeded in flattening the curve of the virus' spread. Part of this included expanding absentee voting in the state primary next month. Given the continued spread in the rest of the country and the potential for future growth in Connecticut, absentee ballot voting should be expanded to at least the November election. Keeping poll works and citizens safe will be as important then as it is now.

Absentee voting should be expanded beyond 2020. This country has a shamefully low percentage of voter turn out compared to other democracies around the world. Many countries hold elections on Sundays or make election days a holiday so that people don't have to choose between working and voting. As we've seen in around the country during the pandemic, absentee voting can also increase voter turnout making our democracy even more participative. As for charges of increased voter fraud, there is no accepted study that shows this to be true. The highest profile case of voter fraud in recent weeks was committed allegedly by a member of the Kansas state legislature looking to secure his re-election.

Keeping its citizens safe should be the first goal of every level of government from local to state to federal. Making our democracy more participative and ensuring that every voice can be heard and vote counted should be as important. Expanding absentee voting achieves both goals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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