To Whom It May Concern:

This Connecticut voter and taxpayer urges the Connecticut Legislature to pass LCO 3576 without delay. 1) Our heritage as one of the first jurisdictions fighting for the independence of our Country and the right for the people to choose their own leaders demands this action in the face of the Covid Pandemic. 2) The Legislature has a moral obligation to encourage voting and civic engagement among the people, both of which are hallmarks of Connecticut's history.

3) The increase in all types of absentee voting around the country has actually been going on for over 20 years with little systemic difficulty, negligible cases of voter misconduct, and increased cost effectiveness. The arguments to the contrary have been patently dishonest.

4) If Arkansas can incorporate Covid concerns into absentee voting, we better be able to. Thank you for considering.

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