

Hello,

I was informed this evening of a request for written testimonies concerning expanding access to absentee ballots during Covid-19. I am not here to state a position one way or the other but do want to share an experience which occurred in Woodbridge, CT during a past election (probably November 2016). When the poll worker was checking my drivers license and comparing it to the name and address on their records I noticed that my two brothers were still eligible to vote in Woodbridge. I found this odd as they had moved to NYC and had registered to vote in New York State. This error was soon corrected and I have yet to see my brothers on the roster for future Connecticut elections.

My brothers would have never considered voting twice even if they were aware of the mistake (it's dishonest and illegal). However even if they wanted to it would have been a major barrier to have to drive to and from NYC to commit such an act. With the realities of absentee balloting it would seem to be a lot easier to commit such an act if someone had the inclination.

I feel that if we are going to expand absentee balloting then the state must find a way to assure that all such errors have been corrected (especially in larger polling sites where it would likely take more time to report and take action upon such an error).

Sincerely,

- Jay Wolkoff (Woodbridge, CT)