

Re: Connecticut Absentee Balloting Nov 2020

Being physically handicapped and in a covid-19 high risk group, I hope to vote via absentee ballot this coming November.

I have concerns that my vote submitted via mail may not be counted OR hacked and duplicated to be submitted multiple times.

Consequently any legislation enabling such absentee voting must contain stronger measures assuring legitimacy than has been past practice. Note that while absentee voting has been a small percentage of votes, due to covid-19 absentee voting will increase considerably, with a presidential election, and a controversial one as well, overall participation will be over 60%. The increase in absentee will come to a large extent by an associated decrease in in-person voting. Extra provision is needed to see that both in-person and absentee voting and counting of results is adequately and safely staffed.

With regard to my concerns, every ballot whether in-person or absentee should have a unique identifier code preferably only in machine readable barcode format. Similarly, every registered voter should have a unique identifier code, in barcode format, which must be printed on all correspondence, envelopes, applications, return envelopes, inner envelopes which can be machine tracked both to allow voters to follow tracking, and to eliminate duplicate submissions or counting.