

To Whom It Concerns,

I am writing in support of LCO 3576 to add a one-time COVID-19 justification for Absentee Ballots. I believe it is critical that every citizen has the option to safely vote absentee in the most important election of our lives - the 2020 general election on November 3rd. No one should have to risk their life to exercise their right to vote during a pandemic.

As I understand it, LCO 3576 would align state statute with the state constitution to ensure voting rights are secured. Beyond the November general election, I recommend the draft bill allow voters to get absentee ballots because of "illness" removing the four words -- "such elector's or person's" prior to the word "illness". This will ensure that as long as the pandemic remains in America eligible Connecticut voters will have access to voting rights -- including any possible special elections early in 2021. Future legislatures should not be required to continue to come back in for special sessions to protect voting rights.

Sincerely,

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