

To Whom it May Concern,
With regards to today's absentee ballot special session please consider the following remarks:

1. Align state statute with the state constitution to ensure voting rights are secured.
2. While adding a one-time COVID-19 excuse to vote absentee (ONLY) for the 2020 general election, the draft bill still restricts voting rights beyond the language of Connecticut's state constitution.
3. Beyond the November general election, the draft bill would allow voters to get absentee ballots because of "such elector's or person's illness."

By removing these four words -- "such elector's or person's" from the draft bill regarding absentee ballot voting, it will ensure that as long as the pandemic remains in

America eligible Connecticut voters will have access to voting rights.

4. Most importantly future legislatures should not have to continue to come back in for special sessions to protect voting rights.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Best,

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