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Dear Distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to ask you to pass LCO #3576 and permit voters to vote by absentee ballot during the <u>entire</u> pandemic. Voters should not have to choose between protecting their health and exercising their right to vote.

I have been a registered Connecticut voter since 1962 with a break in the late '60s. During the time since, I have voted absentee a number of times, in 1964 & 1965 at sea on the South China Sea, in 1966 in South Vietnam where I was engaged in an effort to, among other things, secure the right of the South Vietnamese to select their own government by voting.

Voting is a precious right and the great responsibility of a free people. We have created a government and elected you to serve us in it. One of your responsibilities is to see that all otherwise qualified citizens are not only allowed to vote but provided the safe and secure means to do so. We are presently under attack by a disease which seizes upon aggregations of people to spread. Accordingly, voting methods which avoid aggregating people together should be provided. The more or less standard absentee ballot process supports this.

In your deliberations, please consider your responsibilities as our servants and pass LCO #3576.

Very truly yours,

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