Government Administration and Elections Committee July 21, 2020 Testimony of Ronald Langner (80 Barstow Lane, Tolland)

Thank you Senator Flexer, Representative Fox, Senator Haskell, Representative Winkler, Senator Sampson, Representative France and members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee for hearing my testimony.

My name is Ronald Langner and I am writing today to speak in favor or expanded mail in voting for the upcoming November elections. As a senior citizen I am greatly concerned about the safety of voting during a pandemic. Since the elections this November are critical to the future of our country it is more important than ever that the Connecticut voters feel it is safe to vote. Connecticut can be proud of the progress it has made in controlling COV-19. Won't it be a crime if by not allowing mail in voting we saw an increase in infections because we forced people to be exposed to the virus while waiting in line to vote. I am confident that sufficient safeguards can be put in place to prevent perceived voter fraud. Other states have done it, I am sure we can also.