

I wish to take a moment and address a potential troubling turn of events pertaining to "Absentee Balloting & Covid 19". As a lifelong resident of the state, and a Registered Voter, I have utilized the "Absentee Process" in the past. I view it as an extremely valuable tool in insuring our Democracy.. The Absentee Process is very quick and easy. You simply go to your Town Registrars/Clerk and ask for a Ballot. The clerk checks your ID, and that you are legally Registered, hands you a ballot, and crosses your name off the list. Very quick and very easy.

Covid 19 should not significantly change that process. The registered voter should need to either Call, Write, or Email the Registrar's Office and request a ballot. You simple CANNOT run a fair Election if you "Mass Mail" ballots to everyone in the State. I hope this is not the proposal. A voter should "be of sound mind", be registered, and actually still be living in the Town of record, in order to fill out an Absentee Ballot. In addition, they must TAKE ACTION to participate in the process. Taking Action involves doing something more than just opening your mail. In the past, this has meant physically getting to a polling facility to cast your ballot. If Covid eliminates the ability of some to do just that, then they MUST TAKE ACTION on their own behalf. Mass mailing requires NO EFFORT in the process, NO VERIFICATION of Residency, or VERIFICATION you are the individual actually voting. Please keep our Elections fair.... NO MASS MAILINGS !!!

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