

Dear Legislator,

Thank you for this public hearing and the opportunity for me to share my views. It is essential to a healthy democracy that the public participates in legislative matters that have an impact on CT residents. That said, I urge you to support the continuation of absentee ballot voting during the Covid pandemic.

My formal statement is as follows:

*I **support** the continuation of the Emergency Declaration and Limited Executive Orders. I am especially in favor of continuing Absentee Voting with Covid as an excuse for everyone during the pandemic. No one should have to hesitate to exercise their right to vote because they fear Covid themselves or exposing other people if they have been recently exposed.*

Thank you,

Claire M. Walsh

Chair, DEMOCRACY Women in Action