Testimony in SUPPORT of:

CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS & LIMITED EXECUTIVE ORDERS Hearing: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022 – 9:00 AM

To Whom it May Concern

I am writing in support of the Continuation of the Emergency Declarations & Limited Executive Orders.

We are still in the midst of the pandemic. Numbers of infections are thankfully decreasing at the moment, but as we have seen, a new variant may be around the corner. It is essential that Governor Lamont has the ability to act swiftly in response to this ever-changing situation. It is critical that we continue the right to vote by absentee ballot using the fear of Covid as a valid excuse.

I voted by mail-in ballot for the first time in the last national election. It was an enormous comfort to be able to vote without being exposed to anyone.

I do not understand why Connecticut does not have mail-in balloting as a standard method of voting.

Sincerely yours,

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