

July 13, 2020

Re: H8102 and H7200

House Judiciary Committee
The Hon. Robert Craven, Chairman

Mr. Chairman and Members,

We belong to a group of seniors living in Providence at the Regency Apartments. We prefer not to leave our apartments to go to the polls to vote during this pandemic.

Looking at H8102, we do not see how this bill helps us and, frankly, we do not understand the process set out in it.

H7200 goes part way, but would still require a person to sign the ballot in presence of two witnesses or a notary. Although some of us could do that, it would be a great burden to many seniors, especially those disabled or living alone. Furthermore, H7200 by limiting its scope to those over 65, does not take into account that there are many under 65 who would choose to vote by mail during this epidemic.

Our suggestion, is to pass what has been proposed by the Secretary of State. If there are concerns, limit the bill to a period ending on November 4.

Thank you for your consideration and your service.

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