



Fight Voter Fraud Inc. files lawsuit challenging Secretary of The State Denise Merrill's unconstitutional expansion of absentee ballots in Connecticut

July 1, 2020 – Today **Fight Voter Fraud Inc.** filed a lawsuit contending that the Secretary of the State is using the COVID-19 pandemic to unlawfully shift the state to no-excuse absentee ballot voting. The Connecticut Constitution limits the use of absentee ballots to those who genuinely cannot appear at the polls on election day. In 2014, the electorate voted down a proposal to amend the Constitution to allow for no-excuse absentee voting. The Secretary of the State cannot unilaterally amend our Constitution. Only Connecticut's electorate can. Nonetheless, the Secretary of the State is currently mailing out applications for absentee ballots to all Connecticut voters and encouraging them to vote by mail, regardless of whether they are able to appear in person to vote at the polls on election day. This is unconstitutional.

Today **Fight Voter Fraud Inc.** filed a lawsuit with the Connecticut Supreme Court on behalf of candidates on the August 11, 2020 ballot who wish to have a fair, honest, and constitutional election. The lawsuit asks the Court to order SOTS Denise Merrill to stop sending voters applications that misinform about the true legal requirements for voting by absentee ballot.

Fight Voter Fraud, Inc. believes that the use of absentee ballots is well defined and has been enshrined in Connecticut's Constitution as a rare and privileged way to vote in our elections. We believe our elected officials must trust voters to make their own decisions on how to vote. "This should not be a partisan issue. It is about the Constitution and preserving the separation of powers. Only the Legislature can make the changes to the Constitution and only after the legal process and Citizens have voted to amend the Constitution." says **Fight Voter Fraud Inc. Founder and CEO Linda Szykowitz.**

"It is important that the rule of law be upheld to promote confidence in the electoral process. SOTS Merrill's attempt to bypass the legal process and shred the Connecticut Constitution serves to undermine the integrity of our elections and endangers the electorate's faith in the time-honored process of voting for change." according to **Fight Voter Fraud Inc. Board Chair Dominic Rapini.**

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Fight Voter Fraud, Inc. www.fightvoterfraud.org is a non-profit 501c (4) employing a team of investigators and analysts to identify and Fight Voter Fraud, Inc's mission is to seek out and resolve incidents of voter fraud and discrepancies in the process that leave open the question of fraud in Connecticut's municipalities. The mission of Fight Voter Fraud, Inc is to create the conditions for free and fair elections guaranteeing the fundamental right of 'One vote for one legal voter'