



TALKING POINTS ON REVISIONS TO DRAFT BILL

- **Align state statute with the state constitution** to ensure voting rights are secured.
- While adding a one-time COVID-19 excuse to vote absentee (ONLY) for the 2020 general election, **the draft bill still restricts voting rights** beyond the language of Connecticut's state constitution.
- Beyond the November general election, the draft bill would allow voters to get absentee ballots because of "such elector's or person's illness."
- **If we remove these four words -- "such elector's or person's" -** - from the draft bill regarding absentee ballot voting, it will ensure that as long as the pandemic remains in America eligible Connecticut voters will have access to voting rights – including any possible special elections early in 2021.
- Future legislatures should not have to continue to come back in for special sessions to protect voting rights.