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**RE: H563 An Act to provide poll workers ample time to vote**  
**DT: 6 October 2015**

Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on Election Laws,

Thank you for hearing *H563, An Act to provide poll workers ample time to vote* before your committee on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

This bill would allow poll workers to vote absentee. Currently in Massachusetts absentee voting is only allowed for three reasons:

- will be absent from your city or town on election day, and/or
- have a physical disability that prevents your voting at the polling place, and/or
- cannot vote at the polls due to religious beliefs<sup>1</sup>

These citizens volunteer to work at the polls and should be given plenty of time to vote themselves.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that *H563, An Act to provide poll workers ample time to vote* be released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Heroux".

Paul Heroux

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleifv/howabs.htm>