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HB 6435 AN ACT Concerning Election Day Registration

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Good afternoon, Co-Chairs Senator Slossberg, Representative Spallone and the members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. The Service Employees International Union Connecticut State Council represents over 53,000 active and retired members in Connecticut. SEIU is the states largest union with both public and private sector members.

SEIU supports HB 6435 An Act Concerning Election Day Registration. This Bill would foster the electoral process in Connecticut and would help enfranchise citizens of the state. You will hear today from other proponents of the bill there is no doubt that turnout will be increased in the event of this bill's passage. Any time you can open up the process to afford citizens the right to use their franchise it is good for democracy and public the trust.

This concept is not new in the nation and is proven to not only increase participation in the democratic process but also passes the smell test. There has been not one case of voter fraud in any state that has been linked to such a measure. In essence we have the opportunity to increase participation and maintain a secure and trustworthy system of election in Connecticut and we urge passage.

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