



Testimony in Support of House Bill 5514, AN ACT CONCERNING THE
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND AUTOMATIC VOTER
REGISTRATION

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Rock the Vote is the largest nonprofit and nonpartisan organization in the U.S. building political power for young people. Its mission is to increase engagement among young people and inspire participation in the political process using a unique combination of pop culture, education, and technology.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in support of H.B. 5514, which would potentially register nearly 400,000 new voters. Registering to vote is the first step all new voters must take to participate in our democracy. H.B. 5514 would make it easier and more convenient for all eligible voters to be automatically added to the voter rolls. Furthermore, this update to Connecticut's registration system could have an enormous impact on eligible young voters across the state.

Our democracy is strongest when all eligible voters are empowered to participate, and automatic voter registration is an effective way ensure more eligible voters are able to cast a ballot. I respectfully request that H.B. 5514 be given all favorable consideration and ultimately signed into law.