

March 11, 2019

Chairpersons, Flexer, and Fox, and Committee
Members

Government Administration and Elections
Committee

Legislative Office Building, Room 2200
Hartford, CT 06106

**Re: Written Testimony in Support of the Early
Voting Amendment Bill, HJR 161.**

Dear Chairpersons Flexer, and Fox, and
Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this
written testimony in support of HJR 161, a
**"Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the
State Constitution to Allow for Early Voting
and No-Excuse Absentee Voting."**

My name is Evelyn Avoglia, and I am submitting
testimony in strong support of **HJR 161.**

People eligible to vote by law are often workers
whose jobs keep them away from the polls on

Election Days. Some get no paid time off, a kind of hidden poll tax. Others have mobility and/or transportation challenges. Even an absentee ballot has to be submitted at the registrar of voters office during office hours only. These restrictions are unnecessary, do nothing to prevent fraud and penalize potential voters which fewer options to fully participate in our democratic processes. And, no surprise, they are often low income people of color.

It's time to join 40 other states and give us greater access to voting by making it more convenient here in CT. I urge you to consider your constituents' wishes, vote in favor of HJR 161, and allow us to have a say on early voting.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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