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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 (Senate/House Bill #161)

Dear Chairpersons Flexer, and Fox, and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony in support of (Senate/ House Bill name).

As a 96 yr old mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, voting has always felt like one of the most important civic duties that I have. I have rarely, if ever, missed an election. But now, my age limits my mobility. Now I rely on my daughter, a mother and grandmother herself, to arrange to take me to my polling place on election day. In the event of inclement weather, I don't want her out driving and I don't want to risk falling or slipping on wet ground. If voting times were more convenient with more flexibility then we could plan around the weather forecasts and go out in dry weather or a day of our choosing. A weekend, a day when the roads are dry, a day when I feel well and can walk into my polling place with the dignity of having my voice heard and of participating in our democracy. Early voting is a good idea for the elderly. I am writing to support HJR 161.

Thank you,

Ruth F Cook