

March 8th, 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 Sarah E Darer. I'm a member of the League of Women Voters, Greenwich, and I am submitting testimony in strong support of **HJR 161**.

While I'm fortunate that I have never had to wait long to vote, I have friends in other parts of Connecticut (Hartford, for example) who aren't as fortunate – they've faced long waits in order to exercise their constitutional right to vote. Working families with children cannot afford to wait hours to cast a ballot —and no American should have risk losing their job because they're waiting to cast their ballot.

It's time to join 40 other states to improve access to voting for everyone. 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 for your consideration of this testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah E Darer
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