

March 8, 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 Jennifer Dayton and I am submitting testimony in strong support of **HJR 161**.

In my own experience as a member of a town committee organizing election offices, I have had registered voters decline to vote under the current system of one day voting. Many in my town travel unexpectedly due to business demands, for extended periods or overseas. In addition, voters suffering from poor health and voters of advanced age find requirements of absentee ballot applications particularly difficult.

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,

Jennifer Dayton