

March 12, 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 Kate Duncan, and I am submitting testimony in strong support of **HJR 161**.

Travel, mobility, child care, convenience are only four of the many reasons this bill would benefit voters. Also, work and family commitments, best use of time. Please move into the 21st century and support long-over-due legislation to make our right to vote practical. The bill also supports a freedom, open democracy and the right to choose. It is another way to encourage all citizens to exercise their right to vote. How could any legislature be consciously opposed to the fundamental right to vote for all citizens regardless of circumstances?

Connecticut is overdue to join 40 other states and give us greater access to voting by making it more convenient here in CT. Please consider your constituents' needs, vote in favor of HJR 161, and pass legislation for early voting.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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