

## Testimony in support of Early Voting Amendment Bill # HJ 161

March 9, 2019

I am Joanne Hayhurst from Lakeville, CT, submitting Testimony in support of the Early Voting Amendment Bill # HJ 161.

Dear Senator Mae Flexer, Representative Daniel J. Fox, and Distinguished Members of the GAE Committee:

I support the Early Voting Amendment as an individual, not as a member of any particular group. Prior to the 2018 election, I helped our Towns' Registrars register people to vote by going to various places where individuals would naturally gather: Town of Cornwall tag sales, Noble Horizons book sale, Salisbury Library, Geer Village Community Center, Hotchkiss School, Salisbury School and other places.

Many people ask if they can vote absentee because they may be vacationing, or visiting relatives, or traveling, or caught up in school activities or perhaps ill on election day. Or they simply have difficulty getting to Town Hall. They want to vote, and I believe should have the right to vote absentee for any reason, as is the case in so many other states.

Further, many people work at multiple jobs. Having a window of three days of voting could provide them with an adequate window to get to town hall, without causing an exorbitant expense to the taxpayers.

Please vote yes on this committee level to bring HJ 161 out of committee to a level of discussion and voting by the legislature.

Thank you,  
Joanne Hayhurst, Lakeville, CT