

March 10, 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 Wendy Kalan, member of the Steering Committee of Indivisible Greenwich, and I am submitting testimony in strong support of **HJR 161**.

My work over the past 15 years as a manager of construction projects has required my attendance on New York City construction sites and community meetings from early in the morning into the evening. The job requirements; attendance on a NYC construction site, long work hours, distance from my polling place (in Connecticut), has made it very difficult over the years for me to get to the polls on the one day they have been open.

One year there was an emergency on election day. Although under a great deal of stress, I left work early in what I thought was enough time to get to the polls before closing time. Because of a traffic problem I almost did not make it to the polls in time. If there had been an opportunity to vote over several days I would not have faced the possibility of missing out on voting that year.

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,  
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