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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:

I respectfully 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.**"

Over the past 30 years I've been able to vote on the one Election Day because my work schedule is flexible. But in that same time I've seen my husband miss opportunities to vote through no fault of his own. He has a demanding work schedule – some years requiring his being out of town on short notice.

We often vote differently on issues and/or candidates so on those years that he misses Election Day I joke that my vote carries twice the weight since his didn't get counted. Really though - this is no joking matter. We both place great importance on our civic right and responsibility to vote yet his best efforts are thwarted by the restricted hours allotted to CT residents.

It might seem that I am somehow writing on Jerry's behalf. I'm not though, this letter is on behalf of us both! Whether our particular votes cancel each other out or we pile up on the same side of a given election – I can see on the years he doesn't get to vote he's a little less invested in the outcome. One can only imagine for citizens of our state with a more tenuous relationship to voting one or two years unable to get to the polls and they become citizens disengaged for good. As a responsible, civil society we all lose if any in our ranks are left out of the very thing – voting - that identifies each one of us by definition as members of this society – Connecticut as a part of the United States Of America.

It's time to join 40 other states and give our residents greater access to voting by making it more convenient here in CT. I urge you to think clearly and consider your constituents when voting on HJR 161. Please vote yes on this amendment and truly give us a voice on early voting.

Thank you for your time.
I am most sincerely yours-

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