

March 11, 2019

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

My name is Terri LaPenta-Duffek and I am from Newington. I am writing along with Nancy Dillon Cocchiola, Joanne Moran and Elizabeth Small of West Hartford. We are members of the West Hartford Women's Huddle. We are testifying in support of the HJR Bill #161 A Resolution Proposing a State Constitutional Amendment to Permit Early Voting.

Voting needs to be more convenient for Connecticut citizens. Voting on only one day is very difficult for many registered voters such as parents, single parents, caretakers of young children and elderly parents, workers, students and senior citizens. Parents or caretakers who might miss voting because of their responsibilities will be able to vote when it is convenient for them. Workers who might lose wages or can't get time off from work will be able to vote on a weekend day. Senior citizens who might not be well enough to vote on a certain day, will be able to vote when they feel well.

Citizens of 39 states and the District of Columbia are able to vote early. It's time for Connecticut to do the same for its citizens.

We are asking members of the Committee to vote yes and support the HJR Bill #161.

Sincerely,

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