

March 8, 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."**

I am submitting testimony in strong support of HJR 161. I am an environmental consultant and frequently travel for work. Sometimes I'm required to travel out of town last minute. There have been occasions when I could not vote due to my unexpected travel and was not able to obtain an absentee ballot. I know others who face similar challenges by having jobs that require sporadic travel. It would be very helpful to have early voting to allow more flexibility for voting. Many folks today have a growing number of commitments and very rigorous schedules. Providing for early voting would allow more people to vote and increasing participation in our democratic process. I would definitely use the option of voting early and it would be a great benefit to our state.

Forty other states allow for more flexibility in voting and its time to 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Leon Levine", is enclosed in a thin yellow rectangular border.

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