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Chairpersons Flexer, 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, 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 Pamela Liflander, and I am submitting testimony in strong support of HJR 161.

My 19 year old son attends college in NYC. As a family, we made it a priority to vote in the midterm elections, and it would be the first time that he would be able to cast a vote. He was very excited about the prospect, and wanted to vote in person vs. an absentee ballot. Yet on Election Day, it was quite a drama getting him to the polls by closing time, as the polls in Connecticut close early in the evening, and his commute from New York was long. Luckily, we made it to the polls with just ten minutes to spare. If we had early voting, he would have been able to come home over the weekend, and cast his ballot with relative ease.

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.

Sincerely,

Pam Liflander