

March 11, 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 Early Voting Amendment Bill **HJ 161**
Via gaetestimony@cga.ct.gov

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony in support of HJ 161, a
“Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the State Constitution to Allow for Early Voting and
No-Excuse Absentee Voting.”

My name is Katherine LoBalbo, an elected member of the Greenwich Representative Town
Meeting (RTM), District 2, and I strongly support HJ 161.

It is not the place of government to pass judgement on the electorate. Extending the opportunity
to cast a ballot, by no-excuse absentee and three days of in-person voting prior to the election, is
legislation that promotes inclusion of the diversity of voters in our elections. Connecticut
residents find themselves with restrictions today, both professionally and personally, prohibitive
to voting within the current strict attendance window of location and time. These needs can
reasonably be accommodated in HJ 161.

Support this opportunity to eliminate procedural barriers to voting that have discouraged the
participation of Connecticut’s full citizenry.

Respectfully,

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