

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."**

My name is Michelle Lopez, and I am submitting testimony in strong support of **HJR 161**.

Many of my friends have experienced huge lines to vote and often cannot vote on election day. Also, many working class people cannot take the time to vote because will lose a day's wage, and it makes no sense to make voting more difficult. In fact, we should make election day a national holiday and/or move the date to a weekend.

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.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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