

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

My name is Kate Martin and I am a West Hartford resident and a mom of four young children. I am submitting written testimony in support of the Early Voting Amendment HJ 161.

I support early voting because it will make it easier for all eligible and registered Connecticut voters to cast a ballot, and thereby strengthen our democracy. Many residents of Connecticut are excluded from voting when they are called out of state at the last minute on election day, by work or unexpected personal demands. These people are then unfairly denied a voice in our democratic process.

Since New York State passed Early Voting on Jan. 24, 2019, there are now 39 states and the District of Columbia that enjoy the convenience of some form of early voting. In order to give everyone in our state a voice on election day, I believe we need to pass an Early Voting Amendment.

Please vote yes and support the Early Voting Amendment HJ 161.

Sincerely,

Kate Martin

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