

March 8, 2019

Testimony in support of HJ 161

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

My name is Frances Moulder and I am a resident of Torrington, CT. I am writing to testify in favor of HJ 161: Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Allow for Early Voting and No-Excuses Absentee Voting.

I am a senior citizen and sometimes have unanticipated health issues. If I am unexpectedly ill on an Election Day, I cannot vote. Having more days to choose from will make it more likely that I can exercise my right to vote.

Younger working people will also benefit from early voting. If they cannot arrange their work schedule to take time off during the hours the polls are open, they cannot vote. Having more days to choose from will make it more likely that they can exercise their right to vote.

Early voting will make our State more democratic. Other states have done this, CT should do it too.