

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 Marianne Schorer, and I am submitting testimony in strong support of **HJR 161**.

We live at a time where unexpected events both personally and professionally happen in an instant, and suddenly we have lost our opportunity to vote. This is a disheartening experience, and we need to change this from happening again. We need to make voting more convenient to accommodate sudden illness, transportation problems for the elderly, erratic and demanding work schedules with little leniency from various workplaces, et cetera. The right to vote and express our voice is what makes a democracy work for one and all. This solution proposed through the bill would address and remedy the problem.

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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