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Dear Chairpersons Flexer, and Fox and Distinguished Members of the GAE Committee,

I am submitting this testimony in support of HJR-161, a resolution proposing a State constitutional amendment to permit early voting and no-excuse absentee voting.

Isn't the goal to have people participate in Democracy? Allowing for early voting is documented to do that. Connecticut is one of only 12 states to not have adopted early voting. It's time to change that with this bill.

I am a full-time mother to a 2-year-old. Early voting and no-excuse absentee voting would allow me to ensure that my voice is heard – whether there's a toddler meltdown on election day or not.

I am asking you to vote YES on HJR-161 and let the voters decide. Yes, the system needs to function properly, be protected against fraud, and allow for a smooth counting process, but those details can be debated once the voters approve the constitutional change. Please let the voters decide!

Please vote YES on HJR-161!

Thank You,

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