



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF  
**HB 6660 AAC THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT.**

March 23, 2023

**To:** Honored Co-Chairs Sen. Osten and Rep. Walker, Vice Chairs Sen. Hartley, Rep. Exum, and Rep. Paris, Ranking Members Sen. Berthel and Rep. Nuccio, Distinguished Members of the Appropriations Committee

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On behalf of CTLCV, thank you for the opportunity to comment **in support of HB 6660** that will allocate funding for the implementation of early voting in the Governor's budget.

This legislation is a unique opportunity to provide new tools to our towns and cities to make sure voting is fair, accessible and well-funded.

Last November, a majority of Connecticut voters approved an early voting ballot measure allowing state lawmakers to expand the number of days voters can cast their ballots.

It's now up to lawmakers to ensure Connecticut's early voting period matches the will of Connecticut voters by ensuring it is fair, accessible, and well-funded. If you value a fair and healthy democracy, now is the time to pass a law to ensure early voting in Connecticut includes:

- A minimum of 14 Days of early voting
- A minimum of 3 polling locations in our largest cities
- Polling locations are open during evenings and weekends
- Funding to educate voters on where and how to vote early

Not having proper funding to implement early voting may result in staffing shortages which could create unnecessary and avoidable logistical issues for cities and towns . It is extremely important that our communities have the resources and proper staffing to have a robust and fully operational early voting program that begins this year.

CTLCV urges you to support HB 6660 to ensure early voting has proper funding. Passage of this bill will benefit our entire state. Thank you.

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