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The Honorable Evan P. Shanley
House State Government and Elections Committee

RE: Support - H-5515

Dear Chairman Shanley,

My name is Daisy Bassen MD and I am a resident of East Greenwich. I am writing to express my strong support of H-5515.

I am in support of H-5515 because as a physician working in community mental health, I see the significant barriers my patients and their families face in making their voices heard via voting. When people are struggling to manage doctor's appointments, medications, bills, jobs and families, they may not have the bandwidth to make sure they are registered within the current legal window and thus are unable to participate in our government. This bill will allow them the chance to make sure they cast a ballot. It is particularly important to new young voters, who are not in the habit of voting or checking registration status, and who may not be registered if they are not drivers. Our state and communities are healthier when all voices are heard and this bill will make that possible. In the 23 states (plus DC) offering same-day registration, eligible voters have the opportunity to engage in the political process on Election Day, even if they missed the chance to register to vote in the weeks or months prior.

I hope the House State Government and Elections Committee will pass H-5515.

Thank you for your consideration.

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