

As a poll worker I have seen many residents vote at polling sites that extend their commute to work. I often meet people who have those long commutes to The Bronx, from Brooklyn. They must choose between voting and potentially being late when loss of employment is not an option. We have turned polling site access into a privilege. The working class must choose between their right to vote and their paycheck. The paycheck always wins. I want to see election day for both the primary and the general to be a federal holiday. When people are given a day off and are still receiving holiday pay, turnout to the polls will increase. We not only need to see the working class vote we also need to see young people vote as well. When I worked on political campaigns, I was often shunned by young people who did not care about voting because they could not vote in the current election cycle. We spend so much money and time on the social media audience, yet we do not give them the opportunity to vote. HR1 bill must pass to make this easier for everyone.