

Senator Slossberg, Representative Morin and distinguished members of the committee, my name is Nicholas Kapoor. I am currently a senior at Sacred Heart University and an intern for a member of the General Assembly this session. I am presently working on a book length manuscript with Dr. Steven Michels entitled *The Case Against Democracy* – which deals with participatory democratic theory – and have done research with Dr. Gary Rose on public campaign financing. I therefore come before you today to testify in opposition to HB 5750 – An Act Making Election Day A Legal Holiday.

Election Day should not be considered a legal holiday because the problem is not with getting voters to the polls. Voters are going to go to the polls regardless if there is a holiday. The real problem this committee should be addressing is registration procedure. HB 5881 – An Act Concerning Election Day Registration should be considered more closely. It has been shown that Election Day Registration increases voter turnout. If Election Day were to be made a holiday, it is just another day that people have off from work and to be honest, sets up a great four day weekend since Election Day is constitutionally mandated to be the first Tuesday after the first Monday in the month of November.

Secondly, if voters do not register by a certain date, as the current law states, they cannot vote on Election Day. Thus, Election Day excludes a certain part of Connecticut Citizens. Any holiday should not exclude anyone. Therefore, I am opposed to HB 5750.

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