

Testimony in support of HJ 161

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I'll keep these in bullet points for quickness.

- Most Americans do not work a 9-5 job.
- Families have responsibilities outside of work that add to less free hours before or after work – child care, elder care, second job, advancing their own education.
- Commutes in many areas have become longer further reducing available time to vote.
- Decrease in volunteers have led to longer voting lines.
- Many polling areas are not easily accessible from public transportation – not one polling place in our town is on a bus line.
- Voting is a right and we should endeavor to ensure all have access
- Allow effective planning for those with erratic or critical jobs – surgeons, first responders, military, small business owners, daycare providers, health services,
- Ease the lines on election day.