

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

LOCAL 1228

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My name is Fletcher Fischer and I'm the Business Manager of IBEW Local 1228. We represent the Technicians, Photographers, editors and engineers at most of new England's television stations and over 300 Technicians who broadcast professional and College sports.

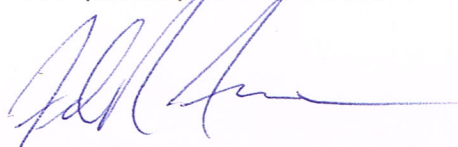
Voting on election day is often problematic for these workers who are out in the field on election day covering the election. The broadcast day starts at 4:30am and concludes at 11:30pm. Sometimes longer if the races are tight.

Even if they are lucky enough to have a schedule that allows them to vote before or after work, there are almost always last-minute schedule changes that either brings them in early or has them stay later to cover stories.

The same holds true for on air talent, producers, assignment desk and other staff who put the news on the air all day.

Early voting would drastically improve the chances for these workers to vote in the elections they are covering.

Thank you for your consideration of my statement.



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