

Early voting is important for voters in my town of Sharon. We are in the Litchfield hills and the town is very rural. Many residents have to travel far to go to work. Sometimes they travel to Hartford, Poughkeepsie, Danbury or even New York City. They have a terrible time getting to the polls on a Tuesday. They all have to vote by Absentee Ballot, which means getting an Application for an Absentee Ballot, mailing it to the Town Clerk and getting the ballot in the mail and returning it to the Clerk by election day. As the Town Clerk is not in her office on the weekend before the election, these voters cannot decide to vote last minute in her office but have to plan weeks in advance to vote.

We should not make it so onerous for voters to do their duty as citizens. That is why I support voting on the weekend before Election Day and simplifying the rules for voting by Absentee Ballot.

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