

IN FAVOR OF ABSENTEE/NO EXCUSE EARLY VOTING

What relief I felt after I dropped my early voting/absentee ballot in the box in front of New Canaan Town Hall! I no longer had to worry about not participating in the most important election of my lifetime.

Voting early was especially important to me last November because I had committed to traveling to Bensalem, PA, to participate in Voter Protection at the polls. I had been doing a lot of letter- and postcard-writing to Get Out the Vote in this swing state, so I wanted to follow that up by working at the polls there. In order to be there on time, I had to leave New Canaan the day before Election Day.

However, none of us should be required to have an excuse such as fear of Covid or out-of-state travel. Early voting makes so much sense and must be continued so that as many people as possible can vote easily. That, after all, is the point of our democracy, so I've always seen voter suppression as a particularly un-American evil. Eventually, I'd like Election Day to be declared a national holiday., but, in any event, I plan to continue my out-of-state Election Day activities so no-hassle early/absentee voting is *de rigeur!*

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