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Letter: Greetings,

CHANGE UNFAIR NY STATE VOTER LAWS

Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Taylor Nelson	Oxford, MS	2016-03-24	If Mississippi can have open primaries, everyone should be able to vote freely in every state.
Richard Carney	Tallahassee, FL	2016-03-30	This is voter suppression. This is not democracy.
Jen Koniuk	Winston-Salem, NC	2016-03-30	I'm signing because the same thing happened to me in NY!
Haboobeker Naimee	McLean, VA	2016-04-02	Errbody got a voice
Pia Levensteins	astoria, NY	2016-04-20	I wanted to vote for Bernie..but was registered as an independent...not fair at all....this should be changed to an open state!
Susan Emery	Larchmont, NY	2016-04-26	I had the exact same experience: was registered as an independent, wanted to vote in the primary, applied to change my party affiliation well before the voter registration deadline, and then found out that I needed to have done it last October in order to be able to vote. Extremely unfair!!
Angela Roberts	Hempstead, NY	2016-04-26	I am a Veteran
Susan scharfenberger	Oswego, NY	2016-04-26	After living, voting in NY 20 yrs, I had my vote denied in NY because I moved 2 miles to a new home 3 weeks before a national election. Just plain wrong
Meghan Mahony	syosset, NY	2016-04-26	I could not vote in the primary because I was unaware of the October 9 deadline to choose a party affiliation.
Kathryn Jenkins	New York, NY	2016-04-26	I feel no confidence that my vote was actually counted.
Jonathan Watson	New York, NY	2016-04-26	Because America is supposed to be a democracy...
Stacy Rauch	New York, NY	2016-04-26	Labels are hard things these days. To vote, I do not think one should have to choose a label- especially so far in advance- and especially because the labels on the parties these days do not reflect the nuances we are as people. Everyone, regardless of label (party affiliation) has a right to a voice and a vote. We need to make NY State primaries "open"- not just labeled. One should be able to register on the spot and vote. As a NY'ker, it is embarrassing to me what happened on primary day here. We are supposed to be a leading state- highlighting for many other states our progressive/educated positions. This is one element we failed. It must be changed. We need MORE participation in our civil discourse and that first thing is voting. FIX IT!
cullen donahue	Albany, NY	2016-04-26	I believe in the right to vote
Bob Kuch	New York, NY	2016-04-26	She is right
valerie coffaro	sayville, NY	2016-04-26	Smart woman. The whole thing is contrived We need to take it all back
Kristie Gonzales	Arkport, NY	2016-04-26	I agree we should be able to vote in the primary even if we aren't a Republican or Democrat. Those parties don't even mean what they used to.
Donna Bernard	Amityville, NY	2016-04-26	I'm not surprise this has taken place, the laws had to be change NOW this is not a democracy. Shame on them
Caren Flashner	Washingtonville, NY	2016-04-26	Me, too. Still upset about it. I'm with Rosie.
Lucy Blackman	Willow, NY	2016-04-26	every one has a vote
Alek Michaud	New York, NY	2016-04-26	There should be no walls keeping us from democracy.
Tamara St. Peter	Elmira, NY	2016-04-26	I'm signing because I also tried to vote and couldn't.
Benny Kozub	Lackawanna, NY	2016-04-26	Sick of the election fraud
Elise Lobdell	Syracuse, NY	2016-04-26	I believe all registered voters should be allowed to vote. At the very least the date for changing affiliation should be much closer to the primary date.

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Carol Ast	Ithaca, NY	2016-04-26	The primary elections have become THE determining election of our electoral process. Excluding any registered voter from participation is contrary to our national beliefs.
Nora-Adrienne Deret	Brooklyn, NY	2016-04-26	It's time to change the laws and allow for an open primary so that no matter which party you list on your voter registration card you can vote in a primary election.
Christine Loliscio	Port Jefferson Station, NY	2016-04-26	I was denied my right to vote due to my independent status. This is not democracy and as a citizen born in Brooklyn almost 72 years ago you did not allow me to vote in the primary. YOU TOOK AWAY MY RIGHTS. What is this. Country coming to.
J. Yurcik	Schenectady, NY	2016-04-26	As the author of this suggests there is no good reason, besides promoting the existing monopolistic system, to making people align themselves with a party a half year before the primaries.
Chad Trimm	Ithaca, NY	2016-04-26	Independant in NY with no voice
Joseph Urla	New York, NY	2016-04-26	I want to live in a Democracy
Susan Emery	Larchmont, NY	2016-04-26	I had the exact same experience: was registered as an independent, wanted to vote in the primary, applied to change my party affiliation well before the voter registration deadline, and then found out that I needed to have done it last October in order to be able to vote. Extremely unfair!!
Eugene Eugene	East Rockaway, NY	2016-04-26	Everyone has to be equal and fair
Steven Milano	Crugers, NY	2016-04-26	Voter fraud is more than just unfair. Its unethical, working strongly to Hillary Clintons favor, and should be a crime
Anna Karlstöm	New York, NY	2016-04-26	I agree with this statement: Someone please tell me what the point of having debates between the presidential candidates if ME AND EVERYONE ELSE IN NEW YORK STATE WERE SUPPOSED TO DECIDE 6 MONTHS AGO. Why not vote back than and than spend the millions spent on debate on something else we actually need. This is suppose to be a democracy?
Gary Kraemer	South Dayton, NY	2016-04-26	We are loosing a little of our Freedom and Democracy every day to the rich and powerful. Wake up American people and take it back!
Noreen Fabre Stahl	New York, NY	2016-04-26	I myself have seen firsthand much corruption and, yes, maybe even conspiracy behind trying to suppress certain voters from voting. You're absolutely correct -- many people vote for a party for myriad reasons (perhaps their parents always voted for a certain party) and probably not the best reason, actually voting for the individual running and what he/she promises and stand for. The whole system is broken and needs to be scrubbed and start from scratch. As you said, this is NOT a democratic way to hold elections. We need to return to the popular vote as a way to elect those who will represent us and get rid of the old electoral college. While they're at it, campaign reform should be a top priority! No more buying elections to represent the wealthy people's agenda and the hell with the majority! Thank you.
Hector Sosa	Brooklyn, NY	2016-04-26	I want my right to vote to be taken seriously.. If not then our elected officials should not be in office
Liam Watt	Saugerties, NY	2016-04-26	These laws are obstructive and clearly undemocratic, We'll change the laws or we'll change the lawmakers.

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B Smawley	Bronx, NY	2016-04-26	If there is one thing this election has made clear, it is that the two parties have practically unfettered control over who gets through the primaries and who wins the nomination. NY has a reputation for being one of the least voter friendly states in the USA. WHY SHOULD ONE HAVE TO BE AFFILIATED WITH A PARTY TO VOTE IN THE PRIMARIES???. This is just another control mechanism. Please change this or at minimum make voter change possible up to the primary vote.
Janine Rosenthal	New York, NY	2016-04-26	It's right cool
Aylin Ozsu	New York, NY	2016-04-26	no one should be forced to align themselves with a party in order to vote in the primaries as long as they are a registered voter
Sarah Karas	New York, NY	2016-04-26	I am signing because I believe that everyone single person has a right to vote for whomever they see fit to fill the political office being voted upon regardless of party affiliation. Anything less than that is voter suppression and anti-democratic.
Kay P	Tuber, NY	2016-04-26	I did not get a vote! Abolish party affiliation laws!
Joanne La Barre	Norfolk, NY	2016-04-26	I am registered. However it is sometimes difficult to decide which candidate meets our beliefs. No one should have to register with a party. Each citizen should have the right to vote as they please and not necessarily be on record with a particular party. All American citizens deserve and have the right to vote.
Mainul Islam	Ridgewood, NY	2016-04-26	because I believe our democracy needs improvement
Judith Cohen	Patchogue, NY	2016-04-26	I could not vote either because I registered as an Independent a couple of years ago. No information was known to me that this would bar me from voting in NY's closed primary until it was too change to change. Barring Americans from voting because they are Independents, Working Family, Green Party, etc or unaffiliated is unethical & against democratic values.
Kathy McIntyre	Rochester, NY	2016-04-26	I'm signing because even though I didn't have any trouble voting in the primary, a lot of people could not vote. That is very wrong
Karen Svonkin	selden, NY	2016-04-26	I tried to vote and was told I wasn't registered.
Eileen Garfinkel	New York, NY	2016-04-26	I was not on the rolls, after having been a registered democrat for 40 years. When I called the Board of Elections, they told me I was inactive. I voted in the Mayoral election in 2014. I am not inactive
Mark McKennon	Brooklyn, NY	2016-04-27	She--and many, many more like her-- has been disenfranchised and disallowed and stifled because it is more important to the managers of the system that they rig the system than that they allow true and full participation in the system. They don't want the PUBLIC and the PEOPLE to be in charge. There is no good, conceivable reason why the system is being so manipulated. But it is one of several reasons why citizens simply out of participation -- and I think that is part of a devious and disingenuous -- and very shameful -- strategy
Christina Birt	Hamburg, NY	2016-04-27	I want to be able to vote in an open primary where I don't have only the political party I'm affiliated with's representatives I want to be able to decide who is right for the job over all weather democrat or republican.
Marie Roman	New York, NY	2016-04-27	I believe Bernie Sanders won New York. I was there and I saw the injustice.
James Bulson	Poughkeepsie, NY	2016-04-27	Let's improve the voting system!
Claudia Johnson	Schenectady, NY	2016-04-27	I'm signing cause Hillary is a crook and trump sucks and Bernie is are only chance and the DNC rigged the election.
Kyle Colgan	Valley Stream, NY	2016-04-27	I'm signing because it's every Americans right to vote and HRC shouldn't be allowed to take it away from anyone

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Ron Bernhardt	Youngsville, NY	2016-04-27	The corrupt nature of the Democratic party was starkly revealed to me this primary season. There are so many questionable practices that have been revealed it's hard to trust that any of them are honest.
yvette remington	Canastota, NY	2016-04-27	My vote was not able to be counted, just because i am in the Independant party. That is is not Democracy
liya liu	New York, NY	2016-04-27	I'm signing because you shouldn't have choose a party in order to vote in the primary elections. We vote base on what the candidates stand for and what he or she can and will do for The People and not base on which party they are in. Because of this law, it took away MY/OUR RIGHT, MY/OUR VOICE, MY/OUR DEMOCRACY. This is not what America is about.
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Chris Senio	New York, NY	2016-04-27	I was unable to vote in the NY prinary due to our arcane laws.
Allie Terrill	Seattle, WA	2016-04-27	Because Bernie.
Brad Rebeiro	Queens, NY	2016-04-27	My money pays for this and yet I am unheard
Cheryl Smith	Easton, PA	2016-04-27	It's not just NY. I changed my PA registration from Independent to Democrat in order to vote in the primary. I do not want to be labeled anything, but I still want my right to vote. The two party system does not serve the American people and needs to go. There should NEVER be a requirement to be affiliated with a party in order to vote in ANY election!
Poison Lemon	Rochester, NY	2016-04-27	You don't need a party affiliation to vote so why segregate voters
linda goldsmith	southampton, NY	2016-04-27	I think all registered voters including Independents should be allowed to vote in the primary.
Carol Williams	Blaine, WA	2016-04-27	Everyone should be able to vote if they register, but they should not be forced to belong to a certain party.
Diana Blankley	Oswego, NY	2016-04-27	I was also unable to vote in the NY primary because I did not decide on a political party on my voter registration. This was very upsetting since I also believe in open primaries and the democratic system.
Pamela J Brownlee	Morrilton, AR	2016-04-27	It seems to me that everyone has a right to vote and no 6 months ago is way to far back. Some where someone has got to get some common sense again.
Kathi Melcher	Punta Gorda, FL	2016-04-27	same situation in FLORIDA! This is not right! we should be able to watch and follow candidates and vote for which ever person we would like. Having to choose months before the primary totally negates an "independent" vote! This should be the same in every state.
Mars van Grunsven	Brooklyn, NY	2016-04-27	I wanted to vote in the Dems primary but I couldn't because I wasn't aware I had to switch from Green to Dem some-time in October.
Matthew Nolan	Albany, NY	2016-04-27	Voting is the responsibility of all citizens

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Deidre King	New York, NY	2016-04-27	I agree with Rosie's position. I had been a part of the Working Families Party upon having my son at 21 years old, yet I had to switch due to the law to choose between Democratic and Republican in order to vote and be counted. There is no democracy when the two ruling parties are divisive and do not stand for the human side of life. Fiduciary gain is the only motive and reason for these aforementioned parties which belies that the Green Party, Working Families Party, Rent Too D*mn High Party, et al do not generate a substantial fiduciary purse, yet speaks voljmes of WHO the majority of constiuents really are.
charles ellis	Axton, VA	2016-04-27	When we voted in primary is when I was asked for party affiliation. Not before.
Mark Schuster	McKean, PA	2016-04-27	I totally agree! Our current system is designed to protect the interests of those in powerful positions, at the expense of the American people's wishes .
George Murray	Cohoes, NY	2016-04-27	I agree. Voting is a freedom no one should have to chose by said dates on a party
George Greene	Akron, OH	2016-04-27	A person should not have to be in party to be able to vote in a primary
andrea roue	Bethesda, MD	2016-04-27	same thing occurs to me in Maryland...we call ourselves democratic?!?
Jaafar Safa	Queens, NY	2016-04-27	We need to change the voting system for everyone can vote and be involved in making a difference .
Jacqueline Bowers	White Hall, MD	2016-04-27	Every one of legal age in the United States should have the right to vote, regardless of their party affiliation. The current system keeps anti-establishment candidates and independents from voting and it's dead wrong and undemocratic. America needs to do away with party affiliation completely, allowing every citizen the right to vote, even if they are not registered with a particular party.
brenda norman	Athens, AL	2016-04-27	I'm so sick and tired of our so called government telling us what we can do we are supposed to be free and it's time we the people rise up and let our government know we are in charge not them
jason catania	Staten Island, NY	2016-04-27	Democrats love to cry on tv about republican voter suppression Well your a bunch of fucking hypocrits 3,000,000 independents did not have a say in who gets to run for the highest office in this country
Lav Chan	Xenia, OH	2016-04-27	I agree you should not have to choose between parties!
Anne Dishong	Blairsville, PA	2016-04-27	I was a registered Independent voter in NY last Presidential election and was disenfranchised from process then. Now in PA in same situation! Unfair!! Undemocratic!!!
Derek Walker	Buffalo, NY	2016-04-27	I strongly agree....
Cheryl Monteith	Houston, TX	2016-04-27	Everyone should be able to vote if they are eligible. A citizen and a non-felon!
Cassie Doyle	Brooklyn, NY	2016-04-27	This happened to me as well in Brooklyn!!!
Garrett Grisso	Fayetteville, AR	2016-04-27	I believe in this issue
Sean O'Connell	Knoxville, TN	2016-04-27	This is NOT democracy. Anyone should be able to vote for either party REGARDLESS of what party they are "affiliated" with. I have no faith anymore; it's all crooked. MAJOR reform needed.
Lisa Reyes	Bronx, NY	2016-04-27	I do not have a party affiliation either and I should also have the right to vote at the primaries regardless of my affiliation or none.
Karysta Johnson	Auburn, NY	2016-04-27	I also was not able to vote. The one bit of say I am supposed to be able to have as an American citizen, I was denied. Many people feel betrayed.

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Ardyth Gilbertson	Shepherdstown, WV	2016-04-27	I agree totally! This law is prohibitive to informed democracy! When I LIVED IN WISCONSIN, I COULD VOTE IN ANY PARTY at any time - Primary or not. When I moved to WV, I had to declare D or R in order to vote in the Primaries...It does not make sense. And to have to declare that early is really unfair!
Celeste Daley	Ogden, UT	2016-04-27	Every citizen in every state should have a chance to participate in a fair democracy that supports political process not hinder it.
Michael Wright	Potomac, MD	2016-04-27	It's ridiculous that people are punished for not wanting to label themselves as a Democrat or Republican and have NO choice over who that party presents as candidates. People should vote for the individuals they believe in, as opposed to having to forcibly join a party that may not present the "best" candidate. Every single citizen of legal age should be allowed to vote for the candidate they believe in. Period.
Andrew Hollinger	Little Rock, AR	2016-04-27	This is not Democracy.
Manuel Santiago	Westtown, NY	2016-04-27	i actually made the march 25th deadline and my vote was blocked anyway
jane Rotton	Birmingham, AL	2016-04-27	I agree with Rosie.....Declare at the door when you vote. I might align with a different party next year. That is my right. Also I feel everyone should show identification before,they can vote to prove they are the person who is voting.
Libby S.	123, NY	2016-04-27	This is unfair!
stacey smmith	Tully, NY	2016-04-27	I also could NOT vote due to lack of party affiliation with dems or reps. This is wrong and violates basic democracy.
Christopher Parr	Clarksville, TN	2016-04-27	This law is stupid
MARY SHUMAY	Middletown, NY	2016-04-27	Hey Rosie, I just got this petition on month after you started it! What's up with Change.org? Seems pretty bias to me when they happily send me a ton of other crap. I do hope that you realize that there is still a pending court case for people who actually did register in time and were purged from the voter rolls. #BernieOrBust all the way to the convention.
MARY SHUMAY	Middletown, NY	2016-04-27	I read this and it is over a month old and I only got it today 4/27 What's up with Change.org? Still signing!
Jonathan Thompson	Brooklyn, NY	2016-04-27	It is unfair, if was common knowledge like taught in public schools, they would have a case but its not. How do expect an informed electorate when one has to go out of their way to learn about their civil duties. Why have people vote if don't even mention something as big as this?
Edward Shaffer	Newport Beach, CA	2016-04-27	Declined to state or undecided voters should be allowed to vote in the primary elections.
Barry Youll	Rochester, NY	2016-04-27	Because I'm a patriotic American.
D Johnson	Lynnwood, WA	2016-04-27	Quit, replacing or changing things all the time! This isn't a democracy if we have no real say in what we would like, want or in voting!!!!
Dennis Draffen	Naples, FL	2016-04-27	Dennis R Draffen
Alyssa Gutierrez	Brooklyn, NY	2016-04-27	Because it makes no sense to have us change our party affiliation 6 months before our primary. Either make it so people have until March 25th to do so OR make NYS an open primary
Jeff schneider	New York, NY	2016-04-27	I could not vote in the primary as well. Not right!!!
Mary Munat	Windsor, CA	2016-04-27	We shouldn't have to declare a party at all never mind six months before a primary election.
Dawn Lindemann	Baldwinsville, NY	2016-04-27	My vote should count, too!

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Jessica Sheets	Spokane, WA	2016-04-27	It should be nation wide. You should not have to vote for the party but vote instead for the individual. Neither party is ever 100% right and we have the right to vote for our idea of the best candidate no matter the party affiliation.
Susan Bracken	Draper, UT	2016-04-27	There is too much subterfuge going on in politics and government. Get back to the democracy we claim to be!
Brady Dixon	Oklahoma City, OK	2016-04-27	I don't agree with the two party system.
Thomas Mc Clellan	Lafayette Hill, PA	2016-04-27	How pathetically ironic that the country which lit the torch of freedom in the 18t c. for nations yet unborn, would find itself denying the vote to its citizens in the 21st century. It's chilling and totally outrageous! Thank you.
J Olivares	San Pedro, CA	2016-04-27	Democracy now!!
andrew tilson	water mill, NY	2016-04-27	Not letting new voters vote is idiotic
Richard Mottern	East Rochester, NY	2016-04-27	It appears that the system is rigged and voting is a mere illusion of "Democracy" created to placate the masses
Edward Savage	New York, NY	2016-04-27	Ms. Faccone: You apparently do not sufficiently understand the primary process (which is certainly understandable in light of the differing rules from state to state). Each political party sets its own rules for voting in its primary in each state, and determines whether it will be an open primary (allowing independents or those from the other party to vote in its primary) or a closed primary (allowing only those registered as members of its party to vote in its primary). There are good/legitimate reasons for both, which have been upheld constitutionally. In New York, both parties have closed primaries. None of the addresses has any control over the objective of your petition, and in light of the results of the NY primaries, your vote would not have made a difference, so you can relax. Also, you can take comfort that (regardless of whether you pick any party affiliation) you can still vote when it will count the most - in the presidential election.
Virginia Dunphy	Hackettstown, NJ	2016-04-27	The voting system is antiquated and flawed.
pasquale di stasio	bronx, NY	2016-04-27	Because it's our right!
Tania Otano	Bronx, NY	2016-04-27	I never knew this was a law. Ridiculous!
Danielle Smith	Pearl City, HI	2016-04-27	We should all have a right to walk in and vote no matter what party were affiliated with. Stop blocking our RIGHTS!!!!!!
Belinda Feris	Sharon Springs, NY	2016-04-27	NY voter law serves to maintain the two party status quo and disenfranchises those who want to vote by having these arcane convoluted voting laws in place.
Laura Vendryes	Niagara Falls, NY	2016-04-27	I'm signing because I believe every one should be able to vote without committing to a political party
Suzan Touchette	East Berlin, PA	2016-04-27	Same here in PA. We should be able to choose the ballot of our choice on voting day. This is not complicated.
Peter Edelman	Averill Park, NY	2016-04-27	we should not be kept from voting if we are not a registered Democrat or Republican.....everyone should be allowed to vote in the Primaries.....
Ginna Borah	Deer Park, NY	2016-04-27	Couldn't vote either
Philip Dale	Herndon, VA	2016-04-27	Closed primaries are foolish and easily manipulated by those who want to keep certain voter demographics (the poor, new voters, free-thinkers, etc.) out of the primaries, as happened when thousands of voters were purged of the right to vote right before the Democratic primary in New York. All the people should be able to decide together who the right candidate is for each party.
Adam Rapchik	7th Avenue, NY	2016-04-27	We don't stand for this.

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Vince Galbo	Williamsville, NY	2016-04-27	All US citizens have a write to vote. Anything else is government self interest/organized crime against "the people"
John ryan	Manorville, NY	2016-04-27	You should have the right at a moments notice to change your mind on whom you want to vote for no matter what...
julie Ryan	Manorville, NY	2016-04-27	I was not able to vote in the primary, I was also switching party's either way I am a registered voter so this was bull
KATHY UPHAM	CARMEL, NY	2016-04-27	These NY laws are some of the worst in the entire country.
Sadie Goulet	Chapel Hill, NC	2016-04-27	This is unacceptable.
felix fermin	Levittown, NY	2016-04-27	Independent voter who was not allowed to vote. Needs to be changed!!!
Diana Hillyer	Boston, MA	2016-04-27	Nearly 20 years ago I also decided that I wanted the freedom to vote for any candidate, regardless of the candidate's political party, and registered unenrolled. In my state of Massachusetts unenrolled voters are allowed to vote in primaries, and considering that this is the largest growing "party" in the US, it feels like any state that denies an independent the chance to vote in a primary election is intentionally suppressing the citizens' right to be heard. This almost seems like a freedom of speech issue...oh, wait, the voter can tell people what candidate he or she wants, it just a doesn't matter since the right to help choose a candidate is denied. NY, please change this law and allow your residents' voices to matter!
Kate Merlin	Narragansett, RI	2016-04-27	What happened to democracy?
Alan Powitz	New York, NY	2016-04-27	It's important that everybody's vote count.
Mar Cipriani	New York, NY	2016-04-27	I also have been unaffiliated with any party since registering to vote. Independents all over the state are prevented from voting by this law which, frankly seems designed to keep the old guard in place. It's time for a change.
Charles Sears	Berkley, MI	2016-04-27	Rosie's reasoning is impeccable. Let's summon some common sense and correct the problem.
Ken Fischer	Stormville, NY	2016-04-27	I want open and fair elections, not what I saw in April....
Suzanne Maxwell	Schroon Lake, NY	2016-04-28	I agree with this petition and am also denied the right to vote in primaries because I will not choose a party by the cut off date.
HUA CHEN	Queens, NY	2016-04-28	I absolutely agree with Rosie vaccine. We want to elect the individual who really care about the country and the people, not which group they belong to.
Lucienne Binkerd-Dale	Ithaca, NY	2016-04-28	I believe having an open primary election would be more democratic!
garry loh	bronx, NY	2016-04-28	I AGREE WITH THIS, NO ONE SHOULD BE SUPPRESSED OR STOPPED FROM VOTING AT ALL!!!!
N A	New York, NY	2016-04-28	NY state voter laws are an absolute joke just like the board of elections.
Pablo Narvaez	Brooklyn, NY	2016-04-28	It should not be so cumbersome to vote in a democracy, anywhere.
Lorraine Grund	Cohoes, NY	2016-04-28	I agree!
Crystal Brundige	Buffalo, NY	2016-04-28	I agree it's not fair it's shouldn't be a Democrat or Republican party if can't chose whatever you want it knocks out the probabilities of winning more votes for either party because the people can't freely vote they're limited to only one type which to me seems like segregation & not putting it in the peoples hands at all it's limiting
Albert Sales	Syracuse, NY	2016-04-28	The current system is designed to exclude people. Combining closed primaries and odd affiliation situations creates a situation where independents are told, in no uncertain terms, that their input is unwelcomed. If New York wants to not have the support of the independents, that can always be arranged.

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Kathleen Burt	Boca Raton, FL	2016-04-28	Closed primaries are unfair. 13 of voters are now registered Independents, and neither party can win without their votes. It's time to give them a say in the primary race.
Sabina Heinemann	Great Neck, NY	2016-04-28	We need more people involved in the political process. We need laws that encourage people to vote in stead of discourage them !
carol schreiner	brooklyn, NY	2016-04-28	I agree 110% & I worked the polls for the Board of Elections & could not vote IT WAS A ABSULOTE DISGRACE □ □ □
Christopher Lilakos	Queens, NY	2016-04-28	I couldn't vote for who I wanted for president because I didn't affiliate to a party
Anne Obeck	Matthews, NC	2016-04-28	If you have come to the realization that "Party Voting" holds our country hostage to big money and powerful lobbying technics then you will sign this petition also!
Margaret Hayes	Cocoa Beach, FL	2016-04-28	Voter suppression goes against all I thought America stood for. I am appalled at what is happening all over the country during this election season.
ANITA zuckerberg	staten island, NY	2016-04-28	This is not a democratic practice. It is important to have as many people participate as possible in the voting process.
Angua Von Überwald	New York, NY	2016-04-28	This is wrong.
Russell Ortega	Bicknell, UT	2016-04-28	Voting does count and some in America do NOT want you to vote
Becca Beach	norfolk, VA	2016-04-28	I'm signing because I believe very strongly in participation in the running of our country through our given liberties.
Jonathan Coutinho	Tomball, TX	2016-04-28	There should be no republican or demecratic party, everyone runs on there own and you side with how's values that most represent you.
Leah Brown	Sanborn, NY	2016-04-28	Yes, yes!! I have been preaching this for 20 years, since I first learned that you must choose a party in advance to vote in the primary. It's always left me disillusioned, and led to me most times not voting.
John Boyle	Perry, NY	2016-04-28	I live in NY and the two party system is a facade that pretends it's democracy.
Jane Palmer	Scarborough, ME	2016-04-28	The MANY reports of voter suppression in the Primary Elections of a number of states, leading to deeply flawed election results AND FRAUDULENT ALLOTMENT OF DELEGATES TO THE UPCOMING DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION, IS HORRIFYING!
Kathleen Foster	Bemus Point, NY	2016-04-28	I agree
Carole Gabbert	Rochester, NY	2016-04-28	I am a registered Democrat and was able to vote. Thousand of others WERE NOT ALLOWED BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT EITHER DEM OR REP AND MANY MORE WERE REGISTERED AS INDEPENDENT AND "STILL" COULD NOT VOTE !!! I FOLLOW THE NEWS EVERY DAY AND "NEVER" DID I HEAR THAT MARCH 26 WAS THE LAST DAY PEOPLE COULD REGISTER !!
Jack McClain	Bentonville, AR	2016-04-28	The illegal pilgrims are givin the opportunity to Vote without registration or party affiliation. Americans are not. THIS MUST CHANGE NOW!
Kelly Acevedo	New York, NY	2016-04-29	I tried to vote , but my vote didn't count, and i believe that my votes count ! Team Bernie Sanders !!!!
pamela scerba	clifton park, NY	2016-04-29	Well said Rosie. I am independent but registered as a democrat but would have liked to have voted for whatever candidate I supported regardless of party. These laws need to be changed.

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isis Sorrento	Rochester, NY	2016-04-29	I agree with this because, I hate being pigeon holed into a party too. If I don't like anyone in my own party, I feel stuck. I don't want to be forced into who I vote for. I picked a certain party when I was young and I don't think I agree with any particular party now. Change the laws and have any political parties. Give us freedom! And to the girl who can't vote cause she didn't pick a party before a deadline, it's ridiculous she can't vote! Change the laws!!!
Josh Stellrecht	Basom, NY	2016-04-29	October is far too early for this deadline.
Alon Geva	New York, NY	2016-04-29	Democracy Now!
Codi Petty	Brooklyn, NY	2016-04-29	I'm signing because there's only one person I know of personally who voted for Clinton
Robert Brown	Bronx, NY	2016-04-29	This should not have happened to anybody and its a disgrace this had to occur in New York
Afia Bonsu	New York, NY	2016-04-29	I was under the same impression. I was even sent an e-mail telling me that October was the latest that I could change my party. I'm furious; I was given misinformation.
Hans Roy	Cambria Heights, NY	2016-04-29	It was an embarrassment what happened in NY, yet it was symptomatic of what has been taking place in this primary! Shame
Joyce McKnight	Lake Luzerne, NY	2016-04-29	Six months ahead of time is way to0 long, especially for the primaries. In this year's election primary candidates weren't even decided six months ago.
George Cannon	Ithaca, NY	2016-04-29	Everyone should have the right to vote in any election.
christina richards	Brooklyn, NY	2016-04-29	I'm signing this petition because I am tired of the gatekeepers I feel that we need more people to Vote and the obstacles that they put in front of us makes it harder bit they are giving idiots like Donald Trump and Hilary Clinton as much exposure as possible. We all know that Bernie Sanders is the right candidate for presidency. He's been by the side of people of color and low income makers since the beginning of time
Donald Wilson	Albion, NY	2016-04-29	I don't believe anyone should be tied to party unless they want to. We should be allowed to vote for whomsoever we feel deserves our vote and at every opportunity a vote is taken in our area. Should only have to register once unless you move.
glenn howard, jr. PhD	glen cove, NY	2016-04-29	Desinged to protect poor candidates. In South Carolina you can vote for any primary candidate regardless of the party in which you are registered.
Milagros Arcia_GChanglerth	New York, NY	2016-04-29	I want justice
Miranda Cassel	New York, NY	2016-04-29	Both my husband and myself have been registered to vote for years and years and understood we had until March 25 to choose a party affiliation. On March 25 we applied to be registered as Democrats, and had not realized that this would not make us eligible to vote in the Primaries. We felt this to be misleading, undemocratic and frankly outrageous.
Justin Cammarata	White Plains, NY	2016-04-29	It's sad that this kind of corruption goes on in the U.S. What a horrible example we're setting to the rest of the world.
Valencia Rowe	Binghamton, NY	2016-04-29	All of a sudden Im not a registered voter so they say... SMH...
juan blanco	Brooklyn, NY	2016-04-29	Me robaron el voto en las primarias. Hay que parar a los chulos de Wall St. HAY QUE PARAR A HILLARY CLINTON.
Sergey Trofimov	Nyack, NY	2016-04-29	I agree,this is not right.
Ismail Salcedo	Queens, NY	2016-04-29	What happened during the New York primary is absolutely unacceptable.
Steven Evers	Merrick, NY	2016-04-29	Very well said, hope this will change

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Kiana Gomillion	New York, NY	2016-04-29	everyone should have the right to vote
Alison Pacut	Highland, NY	2016-04-29	The NY state primary voting policies are unfair and need to be changed so all registered voters can vote in the primaries even if they are undecided
Georgina Quinones	Bronx, NY	2016-04-29	NY is a democratic state so they need to act more like it. Don't take rights to vote away from people when the legacy of voting is so important to us people.
Adelia Harrison	Brooklyn, NY	2016-04-29	Also pass same day voter registration, and give more time to switch parties.
Renee Scorsone	Canandaigua, NY	2016-04-29	It's time to change the outdated and overly restrictive laws!
marie dibella	syosset, NY	2016-04-29	I choose to be a registered Independent. The two party system is meaningless. Both parties need an overhaul.
Mary Climent	Centerport, NY	2016-04-29	because one should have the time to make an educated decision on who they want to vote for...I also was under the impression that I had until March of 2016 to change my affiliation... my voter registration card states my eligibility to vote next was the NY Primary. A letter sent to me said otherwise...wrong just wrong. I have a right to change my mind based on sound decisions of my own!
p bartilucci	brewster, NY	2016-04-29	As a registered independent, sadly I was not able to vote in this primary! Why even give the people an option of being an independent if you're not going to let them vote! I must agree with trump it definitely is a Rigged system!
Gina Smith	New York, NY	2016-04-29	The number of REGISTERED Democrats who were asked to complete Affidavits during the April 19, 2016 Primary was RIDICULOUS.
Anna Murphy	Bay Shore, NY	2016-04-29	Party affiliations should be abolished. Each election it gets harder and harder to make a choice within your designated party.
bruce draper	Saint Louis, MO	2016-04-29	Dana Elzenbeck THE Bronx NY 10463 This is some reason to have an Open Primary and some reason to have a Closed Primary. But *IF* NYstate insists on a Close Primary, the registration deadline ought to be the the SAME for the NEW voters (2016mar25) AS the OLD voters (2015oct09). These separate deadlines were just for the convenience of the various Bored of Elections, which have the to be the UpMostOf*SLUG*(last)AGENCIES. I *recommend* a 2/3--1/3 scheme. IF registered to a Party, you are allowed a 2/3 vote in your own party, and a 1/3 vote in some other party. If you are not registers with any party, you can have Three 1/3 votes in various parties. (the 2-party system, in general SUCKS -- the answer is Instant Runoff Voting)
Hector Lopez Ballesteros, Esq.	Bronx, NY	2016-04-29	Overall, more than 425,000 voters in NY State were denied their sacred right to vote. The voter laws are out to date and unfair, and dirty politicians use the outdated laws to their unfair advantage
Timothy Warner	Brooklyn, NY	2016-04-29	I am signing because we must take back control of the Board of Elections from the Dem's & Repub's NOW.

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Vickie Llaverias	New York, NY	2016-04-29	I believe she is absolutely 100% correct!!! This is not democracy if we have to affiliate with parties rather than deciding which politicians platform we prefer, it is not democracy if we are held back from voting if we didn't affiliate to a certain party 6 months before primary! AND ASIDE FROM HER PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, I CAN SAY IT IS NOT DEMOCRACY WHEN MILLIONS OF PEOPLE'S VOTES ARE GETTING SUPPRESSED, MANY PEOPLE ARE BEING TOLD LIES SO THEY DON'T GET THE OPORTUNITY TO VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE THEY CHOOSE, AND MANY ARE BEING WRONGFULLY AND PURPOSELY BEING CHANGED FROM THEIR ORIGINAL PARTY AFFILIATION WITHOUT CONSENT TO ANOTHER!!!! THIS ISN'T DEMOCRACY!!! AND SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE ABOUT THIS!!! I PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED SUPPRESSION BY "NOT BEING FOUND ON THE LIST," BUT MIRACULOUSLY WAS FOUND AFTER THEY SAW ME MAKING CALLS...
Clarice Klepadlo	Rome, NY	2016-04-29	I find this rule APPALLING and I agree-this "party"thing needs to be knocked down. I've been a registered Dem since I was 18-voted at minimum-every congressional and POTUS election since I was 21. Today's democratic party has abandoned me-and yet I have to remain registered as such to assist and participate in local elections as well as US General elections. The time has come for non-affiliated voters to be allowed to choose in the primary system-in fact-it's OVERDUE
Scott Goeckeritz	Brooklyn, NY	2016-04-29	I wasn't allowed to vote because i was independent 6 months before the election but since wanted to change my status to democrat
Imani Kazi	Bklyn, NY	2016-04-29	ITA
Syderia Asberry-Chresfield	New York, NY	2016-04-29	We should be voting for the people that best define the direction we would like to see our nation go in, not their affiliations.
Emilie Gay	Brooklyn, NY	2016-04-29	I support democracy
Thomas Barnes	Brooklyn, NY	2016-04-29	I had to go to the board of elections 3 times to change info that they entered on me, including birth date, ssn. and address incorrect. If I hadn't been so persistent they would have left the incorrect info and I would not have been allowed to vote as I would have been a different person showing up at the polls. I believe that this was done intentional and that some workers at the offices are trained to sabotage votes in various districts. It needs to be addressed.
Dujardin Bonet	Bronx, NY	2016-04-29	Do the right thing!!
Deboraha Laster	Bronx, NY	2016-04-29	My name, also, wasn't listed to vote in the primary. The site was moved. I'm a democrat and have always voted.
sandra foushee	New York, NY	2016-04-29	it is completely undemocratic to have to choose a political party way in advance of knowing the platforms of the people running. in this modern day & age, one should be able to select a party affiliation on the day of voting! the system is archaic, with these arbitrary rules designed to disenfranchise and alienate voter participation/turnout!
Martin Edelman	New York, NY	2016-04-29	One citizen, one vote. I would even like it to be done via the internet.
Brian O'Connor	Ticonderoga, NY	2016-04-29	My wife submitted her change from independent to Democrat in time I believe, but my county's BoE said it was processed 10/21.
Michael Ehrmann	Lake Ronkonkoma, NY	2016-04-29	Mandatory party affiliation is voter suppression. It is wrong and I believe it should be done away with before this election takes place.
riva rosenfield	brooklyn, NY	2016-04-29	our voting was prevented

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brandon schreck	brooklyn, NY	2016-04-29	Democracy needs to be adjusted to include more choice and less rote party affiliation. When rules stay to close to the letter of the law and lose the intention or spirit of the law, exclusion becomes more likely.
Sarah Kurita	New York, NY	2016-04-29	I am in exactly the same position.
MICHAEL BRENNAN	LINDENHURST, NY	2016-04-29	I got to vote, but it's absolutely wrong that you should have made up your mind six months before election, which party you're going to vote for. Every primary should be an open primary
Malik Butler	Rochester, NY	2016-04-29	The only people that benefit from parties are the parties themselves. Voters should be able to support people ALONE because it is only through them that OUR voices are heard!!!
Ileana Mendoza	Cambria Heights, NY	2016-04-29	I'm signing because I will not be suppressed.
tyler hertz	seaford, NY	2016-04-29	One citizen=one vote. Shouldn't require a lengthy process to have a say in a "fair" democracy.
Tyler Miller	Poughkeepsie, NY	2016-04-29	Everyone has the right to vote!
Fernando Zaike	Brooklyn, NY	2016-04-29	People should have the right to whomever they want regardless of party affiliation. Please end with vote suppression now.
Victoria Neuhaus	Bethpage, NY	2016-04-29	The October deadline stripped alot of NYers from voting in the primary. The deadline should fall within 30 days, like most states.
Gail Mitchell	New York, NY	2016-04-29	this happened to me as well
Nathaniel Moseley	West Henrietta, NY	2016-04-29	Some of the highest voter turnout rates are in states with much more lenient and useful voter laws (absentee ballots, mail-in, same-day registration, etc.-- see Minnesota, eg.) http://www.electproject.org/home/voter-turnout/voter-turnout-data New York has some of the worst laws and worst turnout in the nation You ought to be able to get far more than 1500 signatures
Alyssa Paul	New York, NY	2016-04-29	100%
Eric Coons	Plattsburgh, NY	2016-04-29	Anyone should be able to vote in a primary no matter if they are affiliated with a party or not!
Dylan Warner	Fairport, NY	2016-04-29	You should be automatically registered upon the age of 18 pending no felonies
Biserka Lekic	Flushing, NY	2016-04-29	Rosie, I agree with you 100%! One more thing, the elections are financed from the taxes from all of us!
Juan Carlos Baizan	Yonkers, NY	2016-04-29	Very good points made. #indipendent
scottie Johnson	Schenectady, NY	2016-04-29	I'm signing cause everyone deserves to vote. #PEROID
Kathleen Graves	Brooklyn, NY	2016-04-29	This is a YUUUUUGE deal.
Martha D. Perlmutter	New City, NY	2016-04-29	New York, which has been my home since my grandparents immigrated here from Italy, should lead this nation by example. My grandparents believed it was a privilege to be able to vote in what they perceived were fair elections that gave the people the voice to choose their leaders. I hate to think how disheartened they'd be by the current state of our political system.
Andrew Sorensen	Brockport, NY	2016-04-29	Voter suppression is undemocratic!
Ameena Meer	New York, NY	2016-04-29	i have too many friends who weren't able to vote in the primaries - or whose votes weren't counted - simply because ny is a mess.

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Brenda Bean	Spring Valley, NY	2016-04-29	I AM IN MY 60'S AND I HAVE ALWAYS VOTED FOR THE INDIVIDUAL AND THEIR STANDS. I DO NOT VOTE FOR A PARTY.
Dan Zellman	New York, NY	2016-04-29	The same thing happened to ME, the person ahead of me, and the four people behind me. We all filled out provisional ballots and are very ANGRY. Instead of joining you I now want to take the party away from you.
Nadia Pimentel	New Hyde Park, NY	2016-04-29	VOTING IS A RIGHT
Arlene Barilec	Arlington, VA	2016-04-29	I tried to register as Democrat in February. Was registered as No Party. Redid it again and was registered as Democrat but Not Effective Until AFTER General Election. Is this a democracy?
Mike Fegan	Pomona, NY	2016-04-29	Couldn't agree with this more. Why can't I vote as an independent and not have to pick a political party that I don't feel a part of? 2 Party system has to go.
aditi iyer	New York, NY	2016-04-29	I CARE
Kathryn O'Connor	jackson Heights, NY	2016-04-29	Because this is supposed to be a democracy -- and in a democracy ALL citizen should have the right to vote!!!!
Marquis Mateo	Central Islip, NY	2016-04-29	I tried to vote for Bernie Sanders and wasn't allowed due to voter suppression. Hillary Clinton is a failure and does not deserve the primary victory in NY.
Julie Jensen	Buffalo, NY	2016-04-29	I am 1 of the 27% that couldn't vote in the NY primary. I also am an unaffiliated REGISTERED voter. I don't owe anyone anything for that reason. Bottom line is that I AM registered and as a United States citizen my right to vote was denied. My guess is that the powers that be...fear little 'ol me. Time for change.
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Melissa Crippen	Cooperstown, NY	2016-04-29	All primaries should be open
levi Montgomery	Glens Falls, NY	2016-04-29	Sounds exactly like my situation
thomas stoodley	newburgh, NY	2016-04-29	It was foolish to have the primary closed, when so many of the independents are the deciding votes.... how do you gag who can win if you do not know where those votes will fall.
Jesse Buckner	Buffalo, NY	2016-04-29	The system has failed us too many times! Now is the time to repair the damage at hand.
mike dolan	Spring Valley, NY	2016-04-29	I believe in democracy. Voting should be promoted in this country. Election day should be a three day weekend celebration ! and maybe even bigger than the fourth of july !
John Schneider	Bovina Center, NY	2016-04-29	I voted by Affidavit ballot in NY and was told my vote would not count by the board of elections in Delaware County. My vote should count in a primary.
Barbara Elovic	Brooklyn, NY	2016-04-29	There was too much chicanery in the New York City primary last week dates to register with a party were not properly publicized.
a j french	Corning, NY	2016-04-29	I will never align myself with a "party" - I think for myself and will not be labeled, especially with all the nonsense today. I registered as an INDEPENDANT, cannot vote in the primaries but always vote for the person of my choice even if the field is littered . . .
Elaine McAuliffe	Elmont, NY	2016-04-29	NY should be leading the way with open primaries, not preventing people from voting because they don't like either party.
Glenda Johnson Elam	Yonkers, NY	2016-04-29	I tried to vote and couldn't.
Wendy Sacks	Brooklyn, NY	2016-04-29	My name was illegally purged from the voter rolls in Brooklyn where I've been a registered Democrat for 40 years.

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Ross Hein	Gansevoort, NY	2016-04-29	I also believe the rules are unfair. I want to vote for the person most qualified for the position regardless of there political party. I should not be repressed to a political party.
Maria Paez Conlago	MIDDLE VILLAGE, NY	2016-04-29	Thanks in advance for your right action to take control of this important issue.
william english	newark, NY	2016-04-29	i wanted to chang to democrat but they changed the law saying you had to change registration a year ago why didn't they send that notice out to all registered voters prior to this new change now hillery is going to lose the election to trump wtf
Ellen Buckler	Bronx, NY	2016-04-29	The system is rigged. Time to demand change.
Michelle McCormack	North Babylon, NY	2016-04-30	stop bullying vote
Kathy Czachorowski	Middlesex, NY	2016-04-30	Well said. This needs to change.
Patricia Wilson	Syracuse, NY	2016-04-30	I agree with everything in this letter. Signed a member of the Democratic Party.
Roberta Nunn	Westerlo, NY	2016-04-30	Same thing happened to my 23 year old daughter.
Matthew Auslander	Baldwinsville, NY	2016-04-30	We're living in the 21st Century. Not the 19th Century. If we really want the People to have a say in how the nation works, we need to have more access at a speed that matches technological progress and innovation.
Ian Johnstone	New York, NY	2016-04-30	Because all primaries should be open primaries.
Manninder Paul	Queens, NY	2016-04-30	I could not vote either. This is ridiculous. We need change.
Erica DiSalvo	Rochester, NY	2016-04-30	Amen!!
James Kenny	Brooklyn, NY	2016-04-30	I could only "vote" with an affidavit and this petition is here almost two weeks after the NY Primary. Open primaries and caucuses should be the law in ALL states and to HELL with "states' rights" and party "rules."
Carolyn Messina-Yauchzy	Syracuse, NY	2016-04-30	Forcing people to declare a party affiliation 6 months in advance--before the DNC would schedule debates--is enforcing a 2-party system that the citizenry does not want. Stop discouraging voting; people who want to vote should face reasonable, voter-friendly laws.
Henry Hernandez	Yonkers, NY	2016-04-30	Bernie Sanders should be president
Maksim Zhukova	Staten Island, NY	2016-04-30	It is the right of every citizen of the United States.
robin haine	Saratoga Springs, NY	2016-04-30	As a poll inspector I am still angry over the chaos and voter turn away during the last presidential primary.
jerry taylor	clarence, NY	2016-04-30	The whole system is a bunch of BULLSHIT!!!!!!
Marlis Momber	New York, NY	2016-04-30	I believe in Democracy now more than ever! There is little of it really applied now in NY state or USA!
Robert McLaughlin	Ithaca, NY	2016-04-30	I live in New York!!
Attifa Moses	New York, NY	2016-04-30	I don't like the way our so called freedom is being slowly stripped away and everyone can decide to be independent. I don't think they should take away you're voice because you didn't side with a party and I don't understand why that even matters just let every citizen vote.
Kristen Gill	Buffalo, NY	2016-04-30	Every human being should have the right to vote. If NYS wants to keeping the closed primary, at least push up the deadline to change affiliation one week before the primary.
MARGARET ALEXANDER	BRONX, NY	2016-04-30	Come on! Get it 2gether! Let's do what's right! Everyone that has a right to vote, should vote. Stop cheating with these senseless loopholes! Try 2 be legit, u might like it!!!

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DENNIS moroney	Beacon, NY	2016-04-30	Because it's the right thing to do...the DNC and RNC do not represent the people...voter suppression is a disgrace in New York.
Rohan Pawar	Rochester, NY	2016-04-30	New Yorkers deserve a fair vote. Voter suppression won't be tolerated by America.
Jessica Ferri	New York, NY	2016-04-30	Stop voter suppression!
Matt Goldberg	Brooklyn, NY	2016-04-30	I'm signing because voter suppression is a problem all over the country.
Joanne Steele	St. Remy, NY, NY	2016-04-30	Democracy IS NOT a football game where "winning is the only thing."
MIRLA DELIS ABRAHAM	Santa Rosa, CA	2016-04-30	The right to vote is the most important part of a Democratic Country, therefore there should not be necessary to register with an affiliation with a party. It should be the chose of the individual at the time of voting accordingly to the preference of candidates.
Melissa Carter	Blackstock, FL	2016-04-30	You are exactly the person who needs to be voting, you do your research and choose a candidate and I think this is horrible. Most people just pick a party without even hearing one single thing that candidate says. I had no idea this was going on in the US. In Canada you are aloud to vote for whomever you want, party or individual until the polls close, 2 hours before the winner is announced. This is totally unfair and I hope you get this law changed because that is ridiculous. I guess you have to come to Canada if you want to be free to vote.
Suzanne and Johnny Langland	Centennial, CO	2016-04-30	<p>VOTERS AND MICKEY MOUSE</p> <p>Considering the traditionally poor voter turnout in this country, possibly attributed to a lack of understanding of the voting process (and apathy of course), there should be a system in place that would encourage people's participation in the election of our public officials. Instead, the voting procedure is absurdly and unnecessarily complex, corrupt and unfriendly.</p> <p>Denying someone's right to vote because they aren't registered under a certain Party or because they are Independent does not take into account a change of mind, which should be an inalienable right, as is the right to vote.</p> <p>If this is democracy in action, I am Father Christmas.</p> <p>Any registration, under ANY banner, should be welcomed and celebrated - AND COUNTED! A registration under The Mickey Mouse Party or the Democratic Party should be equally valid. The name at the top of the registration form should have absolutely NO bearing on the Party the voter ultimately supports.</p> <p>Registration should be viewed simply as a vehicle to get people onto the rolls.</p> <p>This country is surprisingly backward in many areas. You'd have thought after all the years that have come and gone, our voting system would be up to par and designed to encourage voters, not thwart them.</p> <p>Suzanne Langland</p>
Janet Stewart	Ogdensburg, NY	2016-04-30	Also tried to vote, but I, and others, are registered as "INDEPENDENT". Of course, NY is totally Biased AGAINST independents, Not the first primary where I tried but could Not Vote. Thanks for nothing NY.
Mark Seitz	New York, NY	2016-04-30	I want my vote counted. This is taxation without representation!!

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Jenny Horne	New York, NY	2016-04-30	I'm in the same boat. I have a masters, follow politics and develop curriculum for a living. This rule is unclear and anti democratic.
M Marin	NY, NY	2016-04-30	Voting is not about parties; it's about candidates.
Mark Braithwaite	Rosedale, NY	2016-04-30	The EXACT thing happened to me. If we were supposed to decide 6 months ago there was no point in the debates. This is ridiculous and it's not democracy
Sheila & John Collins	New Rochelle, NY	2016-05-01	NY's voting rules are disgraceful. This is not a democracy when something like this happens. Fix those rules immediately so that all eligible voters can exercise their democratic rights.
carol smith	sayville, NY	2016-05-01	My son was caught in this BS. When I went to vote, I was told I couldn't vote in my party, MY VOTE was changed to another party without my consent. N.Y. needs to clean up all this.
Mary Sullivan	Ithaca, NY	2016-05-01	These laws are grossly unfair to thoughtful independent voters
William Lewis	Goshen, NY	2016-05-01	everything is rigged against the people-I have not watched cnn,msnbc ,they are slanted in D coverage I can understand the discontent with this NATION.
Brianne Bardusch	Hoosick Falls, NY	2016-05-01	I also live in New York State, and I find the primary voter rules to be outmoded. It's time to make a change.
BENJAMIN GORDON	NEW YORK, NY	2016-05-01	SMH-
Diana Caban	Valley Stream, NY	2016-05-01	I called my county BofE and was told to re-register as a voter?! And that I need to submit a 'written' complaint. Then I called the county's Democratic headquarters and was told this shouldn't have happened and they'll be getting back to me as to what to do about it. Still waiting for a response. I saw several people being turned away even after asking for an affidavit. I refused to leave until I voted. I submitted my vote with an affidavit. Which they were holding back, until they 'magically' appeared. And they were trying to make me vote for republican candidates. I'm beginning to think this 'democracy' and election is all BS.
Dawn Seewald	Queens, NY	2016-05-01	We need a democracy in this country everything evolves it's time to go back and consider the new deal and tweak it to 2016 style democracy, we know what trickle down economics are, it's science what comes up must go down, not what goes up stays there, and therefore will come down. Get out your best rain storm because iv'e been waiting for a long time for ot to rain.
Eva Zucker	New York, NY	2016-05-01	A strong point of unfairness is being made here and must be dealt with if we continue to call ourselves a democracy.
Michael Frysinger	Holden, MA	2016-05-01	Sending this to the US President (Barack Obama) makes no sense. The federal gov't is not in charge of state primaries. I'd suggest doing a bit of research before trying to start a petition.
James Unger	Beacon, NY	2016-05-02	If you wanted to know how the DNC political establishment screwed Bernie Sanders during the NY Primary, this is how (3 million independents didn't get to vote!) Help stop the abuse by signing this petition (even if you're in another State):
Thomas Hynes	Buffalo, NY	2016-05-02	I had the problem,but wanted to change parties.
Janet O'connor	Niagara Falls, NY	2016-05-02	I signed up as Independent because I don't know which I'd vote for. I'm now told I cannot vote because there isn't. An Independent candidate isn't running, In fact, has there ever?? I'm registered, I should have the opportunity to vote!
Susan LaFleur	Farmington, NY	2016-05-02	I'm registered as an Independent. A candidate is an independent but running under the democratic party...I could not vote for him! It shouldn't matter...just like in November. So why not now?

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Arla Clouser	Highland, NY	2016-05-02	My friend tried to change his party affiliation, and was thus denied the right to vote in the primary. This is not a defensible policy.
Cory Rozewicz	Niagara Falls, NY	2016-05-02	This happened to too many people I know!
Samantha Zinober	New York, NY	2016-05-02	My husband and I are also registered Independents. Because of this, we were completely left out of the primary elections as well. Incredibly frustrating and highlights many of the problems with our current political system
Keegan Lounsbery	Solvay, NY	2016-05-02	I tried to vote too!
Lauren Schulz	Tannersville, NY	2016-05-02	I completely agree. The idea of a closed primary election is undemocratic! I also had the same situation happen and I WASN'T ALLOWED TO VOTE EITHER, SO I LOST MY VOICE. This law needs to change so that every person gets a voice. Everyone should be allowed ONE vote to vote for any of the candidates.
Jeffrey Haydon	Yucca Valley, CA	2016-05-03	You and everyone who wants to vote should be able to vote.
Howard Pryor	Brooklyn, NY	2016-05-03	I am signing because I faced the same problem as a registered Independent. I was not allowed to vote in the democratic primary. These voting laws are not fair and locks many people out of the voting process. These are not fair elections! Voter disenfranchisement!
Usha Cunningham	New York, NY	2016-05-03	I am in total agreement and am in the same positions. There are already Our democracy is not really a democracy. We should get rid of the Electoral college. This is just another Stumbling block. Get rid of it.
Patti Evans	Rochester, NY	2016-05-03	The system is unfair and undemocratic.
Teresa Sailes	Cleveland, OH	2016-05-04	I an signing this petition because I an a republican. I have values that reflect both parties and agree that party affiliation has absolutely nothing to do with a voter's choice!
Phil Di Leo	San Francisco, CA	2016-05-04	I'm signing because I care about other Americans' rights to vote
Art Novak	Savannah, GA	2016-05-04	Voters should not have to declare party affiliation in order to vote in a primary, especially when the deadline for such a commitment takes place six months before voters have a chance to make an informed decision about the candidates.
Renae Lindsay	Calabasas, CA	2016-05-05	New York elections were stolen.
Andrew Christiansen	Eugene, OR	2016-05-05	done with the establishment
Ramces Gonzalez	Union City, CA	2016-05-05	NY IS EXTREMELY CORRUPT
Lopi LaRoe	Brooklyn, NY	2016-05-05	My name was not in the voter book when i went to my polling place and i filled out an afadavit but that vote did not count. As a citizen of this country, I HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE MY VOTE COUNTED
Sam Glen	New York City, NY	2016-05-05	This is unfair and our elections are being bought
Cindy Hawley	Sioux Falls, SD	2016-05-06	I'm signing this because voter fraud has been committed. Shame on you!
Ashwin Ramanathan	Oceanside, NY	2016-05-07	I am in the same position as Rosie. This is not even close to true democracy.
Jeremy Wheeler	Appleton, WI	2016-05-10	I, too, am not affiliated with a party. Wisconsin offers open primaries. New York should as well.