



LetNYvote.org

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# PETITION DRIVE GRASSROOTS TOOLKIT

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## Introduction

Thank you for participating in the Let NY Vote petition drive to demand that Governor Cuomo includes funding for Early Voting in his 2018 state budget.

Please gather signatures on the form attached and return them by February 12, 2018 to be included in our delivery to Governor Cuomo on Valentine's Day. **All signatures must be received in the office by February 12, 2018 to be counted.**

You can gather petitions at a party, a potluck, a community event, a neighborhood fair, a rally, a march, a meeting, going door to door in your neighborhood, or when hanging out with friends. If you want to be more formal, use a clipboard and black or blue ink and set up a table with a sign. Don't feel confined to that though, use the form on our website and gather signatures right on your smartphone wherever you find yourself each day!

**Everything you need is included! Still have questions? Email us at [LetNYvote@gmail.com](mailto:LetNYvote@gmail.com).**

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## FAQ

**Can people sign the petition if they're not eligible to vote, if they're not citizens or if they don't live in NY state?**

Yes!

**Can I gather petition signatures if I'm not eligible to vote, if I'm not a citizen, or if I don't live in NY state?**

Yes!

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## Downloads

[Social Share Images](#)  
[Printable Signs](#)  
[Signature Collection Form](#)  
[Signature Submission Template](#)

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## Gather Signatures 3 Ways

1. Print attached [Signature Collection Form](#) to gather signatures the old fashioned way - on a clipboard with a black or blue ink - at local events in your community.
    - **Download our petition poster to print out to use when tabling.**
    - **Download our 8.5x11" petition sign to print out and paste on the back of your clipboard in color or black & white.**
  2. Collect signatures on a computer, smartphone or tablet using our online form wherever you find yourself talking to people at [www.LetNYvote.org/petition](http://www.LetNYvote.org/petition).
  3. Use the sample email and social media posts attached to invite friends and family to sign the petition online.
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## Host a Local Petition Drive

Post to the [Let NY Vote web calendar](#)

Post to the [People Power website](#)

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- **Event Name:** #LetNYvote petition drive for Early Voting in NY state - [city/town]
  - **Event Category:** Voting Rights Action
  - **Event Description:** Tell Governor Cuomo to put his money where his mouth is and fund Early Voting in his 2018 budget. 37 States have Early Voting but NY doesn't! It's a bipartisan no-brainer: everyone deserves an opportunity to get to the polls and vote when it's convenient. No one should have to choose between their family, their job and their vote. Sign the #LetNYvote petition to tell Governor Cuomo to fund #EarlyVoting in NY in 2018!  
[www.LetNYvote.org/petition](http://www.LetNYvote.org/petition)
  - [look out for an email from People Power and confirm your event]
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\*\*\* All signatures must be received by February 12 \*\*\*

1. **BEST METHOD:** Submit your signatures by emailing a .csv file to [LetNYvote@gmail.com](mailto:LetNYvote@gmail.com) by February 12, 2018. **Download the template [here](#).**
  2. Submit your signatures by mailing them in to **Let NY Vote Coalition, c/o Common Cause/NY, 80 Broad Street, Suite 2703, NY, NY 10004** \*must be received in the office by February 12, 2018\*
  3. Submit your signatures by emailing a scan of your petition sheets to [LetNYvote@gmail.com](mailto:LetNYvote@gmail.com) by February 12, 2018.
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## 3 Ways To Submit Signatures

Select 1!

### Sample Email Blast

[[First\_Name]],

There is tremendous momentum building to make New York the 38th state to adopt Early Voting. We've successfully pushed Governor Cuomo to include Early Voting in his 2018 executive budget — but he didn't actually allocate funding to implement it!

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## Social Shares

[Sign the petition demanding Early Voting in New York.](#)

Now is the time for us to demand that Governor Cuomo allocates at least \$6.4 million in funding for Early Voting in his \$168 billion Executive Budget. His window to do so is quickly closing.

Early Voting is a bipartisan no-brainer: everyone deserves an opportunity to get to the polls and vote when it's convenient. No one should have to choose between their family, their job and their vote - tell Governor Cuomo to fund early voting and #LetNYvote in 2018!

[Make sure your name is on our petition before we deliver it on February 12, 2018.](#)

In solidarity,  
[Your Name]

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### Sample Facebook Post

[Repost the official Facebook Post](#)

Tell @GovernorAndrewCuomo to put his money where his mouth is and fund Early Voting in his 2018 budget. 37 States have Early Voting but NY doesn't! It's a bipartisan no-brainer: everyone deserves an opportunity to get to the polls and vote when it's convenient. No one should have to choose between their family, their job and their vote. Sign the #LetNYvote petition to tell Governor Cuomo to fund #EarlyVoting in NY in 2018! [www.LetNYvote.org/petition](http://www.LetNYvote.org/petition)

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### Sample Twitter Post

[Repost the official Twitter Post](#)

Sign the #LetNYvote petition & tell @NYGovCuomo: put your money where your mouth is: fund #EarlyVoting in your 2018 budget. 37 States have #EarlyVoting but not NY. No one should have to choose between family, work & voting – we need #EarlyVoting this year! [LetNYvote.org/petition](http://LetNYvote.org/petition)

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[Social Share Images](#)

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## #LetNYvote Petition to Governor Cuomo to fund Early Voting in NY in 2018!

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo:

It's time for New York to join the 37 states and DC that offer Early Voting. We urge you to do more than just talk this year and actually commit to giving eligible New Yorkers the

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## Petition

✓ Early Voting ✓ Automatic Voter Registration ✓ Flexibility to Change Party Affiliation ✓ Electronic Pollbooks ✓ Restore Voting to People on Parole  
Visit [LetNYvote.org](http://LetNYvote.org) to find out how you can help build the movement.

freedom to vote by including at least \$6.4 million in funding for Early Voting in the 30-day amendments to your \$168 billion Executive Budget. It's a bipartisan no-brainer: everyone deserves an opportunity to get to the polls and vote when it's convenient. No one should have to choose between their family, their job and their vote - fund early voting and #LetNYvote in 2018!

### Background

We the people urge Governor Cuomo to commit to giving eligible New Yorkers the freedom to vote by including at least \$6.4 million in funding for Early Voting in the 30-day amendments to his \$168 billion Executive Budget.

More than two-thirds of the states – 37 states plus the District of Columbia – offer some form of an Early Voting period before election day, making voting more accessible for working people who can't easily get to the polls on election day.

Early Voting, which gives voters the freedom to vote at their own chosen time, is a non-partisan issue that is popular with millions of New York voters– according to a recent Siena College poll, 65% of New Yorkers support some form of Early Voting no matter what part of the state they live in.

Voting should be fair and accessible for all eligible citizens across New York State, whether they live in a rural area, suburban town or crowded city. Whether they're a working parent, a student, a senior, or from a military family, all eligible New Yorkers deserve an opportunity to get to the polls and vote when they are most free to do so without compromising their job or family responsibilities.

We, the undersigned, call on Governor Cuomo to exercise his leadership and provide funding for Early Voting in the 30-day amendments to the Executive Budget.

### Petition Delivery

This petition has been created by [Let NY Vote](#), a statewide coalition of grassroots groups and legacy organizations working together to modernize NY's voting laws. We will be delivering the signed petition to Governor Cuomo on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2018.

**If you are participating in our petition drive and collecting petitions, please turn them in by February 12.**

**Find out how to participate at [www.letnyvote.org/petition](http://www.letnyvote.org/petition).**



**GOVERNOR CUOMO:**

***Put your money where your mouth is!***

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**#LetNYvote**