

Jaki Bradley

Hi my name is Jaki Bradley I live in Brooklyn at 108 Macon St, Brooklyn, NY 11216. I've lived in the same Bed-Stuy apartment for 7 years and am a proud member of that community.

I work in theater and film and travel frequently for work. For the past 2 elections (the 2018 midterm and the 2020 primary), I have been out of town for the date of the election. Both years I requested absentee ballots weeks before the deadline, and both years I haven't received a ballot at all.

This year, for the June 23rd primary, I filed 14 days before the deadline, and called the Election Board 3 days before the election when I still hadn't received a ballot. There were no solutions, no ballot arrived, and I didn't get to vote.

What does the absentee deadline exist for if not to ensure that you can get a ballot in time?

Especially during a national pandemic, a non-functional absentee ballot system results in voter suppression. We need solutions for this before the November election, to ensure the free and fair elections that we deserve.

Thank you for your time.

Best,
Jaki Bradley