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Hello,

My husband and I may be one of the few New York City residents who don't have major complaints about the absentee ballot process for the June Primary election. The only thing I am uncertain about is whether the ballot got there and got processed.

The actual process worked as expected. We mailed in our request for an absentee ballot far in advance, we received the absentee ballot in time to return it by the deadline.

Suggestions:

1. We never got confirmation of receipt of our absentee ballot request. It would be nice to be able to enter the request on a web form that generates an automated receipt confirmation and follow up emails, such as when the ballot is being mailed out. How about putting a bar code on the return envelope and also be able to scan the bar code to notify absentee voters when the ballot is received and processed.
2. We still don't know if the way we filled the absentee ballot request will remain valid for the general election in November. We indicated "temporary illness" with the dates of "June 21 - November 15." Will we get the absentee ballot for the November election without having to fill out another form?
3. The instructions on the ballot said that ballots should remain attached, or a second ballot would have to be requested. My ballot began tearing (halfway) as I was working with it, and I submitted it like that. I hope it was OK. Can the ballots be designed so that they won't tear so easily?
4. It would be nice to be able to do this for every election - have no-fault absentee voting with one form to cover the primaries and general elections.

Thank you,
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