

Good morning.

We're here today to talk about doing something that should have been done a long time ago:  
Creating a law that allows same day voter registration in every state in our nation.

Doing this, I believe, is the most logical thing in the world.

It is as logical as democracy.

I think we can all agree that Democracy is grounded in common sense:

Every citizen is guaranteed the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

We are guaranteed freedom of speech.

And, we are free to choose the individuals who hold public office.

Yet we continue to voluntarily maintain a law that makes it difficult and cumbersome to elect those individuals.

It just doesn't make sense.

It's not like same day voter registration is a new, radical idea. It was introduced in some states many years ago and has been very successful.

Minnesota passed a law allowing it in 1974 and has led the nation in voter turnout in nearly every presidential election since then.

Five other states have also been doing the same thing for quite a few years. States like Maine, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Wyoming and Idaho.

Guess what? Those states also produce consistently higher voter turnout.

What does that tell you?

It tells me that if we want citizens to be actively engaged in the democratic process, our government needs to pay attention to strategies that actually bring people out to the polls!

Same day registration works.

It improves our election process.

It also improves our democracy.



I hope you will all join me in supporting this bill and helping America's citizens have a greater voice in choosing their elected officials.