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The Honorable Eric Holder  
Attorney General of the United States  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0009

Dear Attorney General Holder,

I am asking you to take immediate legal action, under the Equal Protection Clause of the United States Constitution, to protect the rights of Ohioans who vote in federal elections to ensure equal access to the polls in all 88 counties.

Currently two Ohio Counties, Butler and Warren, have expanded voting hours, enabling voters to conveniently cast ballots in federal elections over a two-week period prior to the General Election.

However, voters in the other 86 counties are restricted from such access, thereby impairing their Equal Protection rights. It is neither fair nor constitutionally permissible that some counties be given open access to the ballot box and others have restricted access.

I am calling upon you to immediately seek a federal court order which will require that all counties provide the extended voting access which is provided in Butler and Warren Counties.

Sincerely,

Dennis Kucinich  
Member of Congress