

Legislative Accountability Basic to Democracy -- *continued*

On February 9, 2017, members from eight Leagues of Women Voters met with their mutual United States Representative, Peter Roskam, urging him to consider attending a free public meeting with constituents to discuss current policy issues. To summarize the discussion, Rep. Roskam declined the League's invitation. This meeting was one of many extensive efforts made by the various Leagues within the 6th District to obtain Rep. Roskam's participation in public events.

The Leagues involved included:

- League of Women Voters of Glen Ellyn
- League of Women Voters of Central Kane County
- League of Women Voters of Wheaton
- League of Women Voters of Palatine
- League of Women Voters of Naperville
- League of Women Voters of Roselle/Bloomington
- League of Women Voters of Downers Grove, Woodridge and Lisle
- League of Women Voters of McHenry County

Members of these leagues were acting in good faith as respectful, responsible citizens and were disappointed and discouraged by Rep. Roskam's continued refusal to participate in a public meeting. Nevertheless, these Leagues reiterate their willingness to continue efforts to meet in a public venue with Representative Roskam.

This story in the Chicago Tribune sums up the Leagues' on-going experience:

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/ct-congressman-roskam-rejects-public-meeting-call-0211-20170210-story.html>