

## Menu of Talking Points Against Voter Suppression Proposals

- This is voter suppression disguised as a citizen initiative and not a solution to a problem; this is creating a new problem by making it harder for eligible voters to vote.
- Politicians and national special interest groups are trying to avoid accountability by picking which voters are allowed to vote. Voters should choose their politicians, not the other way around.
- Politicians and special interests are trying to rewrite parts of our state constitution that Michigan voters already overwhelmingly approved in 2018 and 2022.
- This is not about voter ID, that is just a pretense being used to mislead the public. This is about forcing voters to cut through additional red tape to prove that they are eligible, instead of leaving that responsibility to the Secretary of State or another government body.
- These petitions are a direct assault on Michigan citizens' access to the ballot
- Under these proposals voters could be blocked from registering to vote using their driver's license or other state-provided identification. There are no guarantees under these amendments.
- Altering the voter registration rules for only state elections would effectively create a two-tiered voting system, forcing the state to maintain two separate voter registration rolls and creating additional costs and burdens for our local clerks and election administrators.
- Michigan voters across the political spectrum and representing every county in our state overwhelmingly approved Proposals 18-3 and 22-2, which made elections secure, modern and accessible. We cannot allow this power grab by politicians who are trying to force eligible voters to cut through red tape in order to participate in our democracy.
- Michigan's elections are already secure and transparent. Our systems work. Michigan doesn't need or want politicians or special interests interfering in our elections.
- Altering our constitution is unnecessary and a waste of resources. Michigan already has a constitutional photo ID standard, and under Secure Automatic Voter Registration, only proven citizens are registered to vote. Why should we change that?
- These petitions would require every single Michigan citizen to bring specific documentation - like a passport - **in person** to register to vote or update their voter registration.
- Women, rural voters, young voters and overseas military and their families will be disproportionately affected, not to mention the millions of people who will struggle to acquire the required documentation whether because of cost or logistical barriers.
- These petitions would up-end online voter registration, including for service members deployed overseas who would effectively be barred from registering or updating their voter registration.
- These petitions would prevent Michigan voters from being able to register to vote by mailing in an application - a service many rural voters rely on.

## Resources

- [Voters Not Politicians Stop Voter Suppression Policy Page](#)