

From [Diane.CA-15.San Carlos](#):

Hello to each of you.

This is an email I just received from the voter protection group of hotline volunteer captains at the Democratic Party of Georgia. All of these volunteers are seasoned veterans of the GA voter protection hotline, and most of them are lawyers (for better or worse, depending on your point of view). The SAVE Act is certainly not dead, and it looks like we should be encouraging the members of our Indivisible groups to oppose the 200,000 comments the proponents of the SAVE Act have bombarded the Federal Election Assistance Office with. There is an October 20 Deadline to submit these comments! I just submitted my comments and it's very easy to do.

On Oct 7, 2025, at 1:38 PM, Elizabeth Johnson wrote:

Thank you for this! I just submitted mine. Literally took 30 seconds. Let's do this! xoxo

On Tue, Oct 7, 2025 at 1:12 PM Debra S Cooper wrote:

Hi all,

Please see below for how to comment in opposition to this latest effort to impose SAVE Act requirements - **DEADLINE October 20.**

Hope everyone's doing ok. As always, thanks for this amazing community.

Stay safe,

Debbie

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Laura Williamson** <laura.williamson@splcenter.org>

Date: Fri, Oct 3, 2025 at 2:02 PM

Subject: RE: ACTION NEEDED – Blocking New Effort to Impose SAVE Act Requirements Nationwide

Hi again,

In the last week, anti-voter election groups have submitted over 200,000 new comments to the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) urging it to require Americans to show a passport or other citizenship documents when registering to vote.

We urgently need pro-democracy groups to drive comments to oppose this before the October 20 due date.

Here's how you and your volunteers can help:

- Submit a comment to the EAC by pasting it into the "Comment" box here: <https://www.regulations.gov/commenton/EAC-2025-0236-0001>, something like:

I'm against requiring citizens to submit a passport, birth certificate, or other citizenship documents to register to vote! Only half of American citizens have a passport and 69 million American citizens don't have a birth certificate with their current legal name on it, most of them women who changed their names when they got married.

[Here are other short comments](#) if you'd like an alternative. Or write your own! It can be very short – just a sentence or two about why you oppose changes that would make it harder for you, your community, or other eligible people to vote.

- Urge your members to submit a comment, too. [Here's a template email](#) for driving action.
- Spread the word – please forward this email to any voting or elections coalitions or communities you are part of and encourage them to submit a comment opposing this anti-voter proposal.

If your organization wants to submit a longer comment, [here's a template](#). And here's more [background and talking points](#).

Thanks for your support mobilizing comments opposing this harmful, anti-voter proposal.

Happy to chat if you have questions.

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THIS IS EXTREMELY URGENT. Please submit comments against this US Election Assistance Commission (EAC) petition by Steven Miller's lawyers (America First Legal) to modify national election registration rules to require passports or drivers licenses, etc., in order to register to vote!!!

ALL COMMENTS ARE DUE BY OCT. 20 @ 11:59 PM.

4 reasons to be against it. [Use your own words, don't just cut & paste.]

- It is effectively a poll tax and it is too costly for poor people. A US passport costs \$130-\$246, a California drivers license costs \$39, while a California ID costs \$30 (\$8 for residents on a qualified assistance program). These costs, and the inconvenience of traveling to a DMV office, can be daunting for low income residents. *[Please substitute your state's particulars.]*
- It can also be arduous for any person who has lost necessary documentation, such as their birth certificate or proof of a legal name change, to reacquire them. An estimated 8 million California women have birth certificates that don't match their legal names, and thus they could be disenfranchised by this petition. *[Please substitute your state's particulars. Use the ratio of 200,000 women disenfranchised per 1 million state population.]*
- It will introduce unnecessary cost and complexity to voter registration in all US states without solving any possible voter fraud. At best, only 1 non-citizen votes per 1 million votes cast in an election (see Brennan Center for Justice study of 2016 election). In the 2024 election 154 million people voted, which implies maybe about 154 were non-citizens. Even if concentrated into one district, this is not enough to sway any federal election, including the closest US House election in CA-13 which was won by 187 votes. It is cheaper and easier to investigate and prosecute after the fact, without fear of any election being decided incorrectly.
- It introduces centralized federal control over voter registration, which has been the sole responsibility of each state since 1789. The US Department of State issues passports. It can also revoke them at will. This centralization can be used to capriciously disenfranchise voters of another party who are not in control of the federal executive branch. This can be one step towards enabling an autocracy of the US government.

The EAC petition is here. It was published on Aug. 21, and all comments are due by Oct. 20 @ 11:59 PM EDT.

<https://www.regulations.gov/document/EAC-2025-0236-0001>

https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/2025-08/America_First_Legal_EAC_DPOC_Rule_Petition.pdf

Your comments can be posted here:

<https://www.regulations.gov/commenton/EAC-2025-0236-0001>