

House	Senate
HB 991 - Elections Persons-Mulicka 2/5/26- Gov't Operations Subcommittee Video	SB 1334 Elections- Grall Video 35.16 begins  bill and 1:24
HB 985 - Voter Registration and Identification - Jacques HB 985	NO COMPANION BILL
HB 905 - Foreign Influence- Similar 3/4 Passed house 86-20 - Messages	SB 1178- Grall Link to Bill Updates & Action 3/11 No Change- included in House Bill
HB 535 Qualifying Candidate https://www.flhouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=83150&SessionId=113	SB 620 https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2026/620 Compare- 3/5 37-0 Messages Engrossed

CS/CS/HB 991 ENROLLED ANALYSIS

Legislative Provision	1. Enrolled Bill (Final Passed Version)	2. House Engrossed (Initial House Passage)	3. Senate Amendment (Strike-All Rewrite)
"Unverified Voter" Status	No new label. It utilizes the existing provisional ballot framework. If citizenship cannot be immediately verified, the applicant must vote a provisional ballot, which will only count if evidence is provided.	Created a specific "unverified voter" registration label for those whose citizenship could not be immediately verified.	Deleted the "unverified voter" label; relied on the existing provisional ballot framework.
Candidate Name Changes	Includes a 365-day restriction. Candidates must swear under oath that they have not legally changed their name in the 365 days prior to qualifying (with exceptions for marriage/divorce).	Did not include a 365-day name change restriction for candidates.	Added the 365-day name change restriction for candidates.
Eligibility Challenges	Allows "affiliated party committees" (along with candidates and parties) to sue in circuit court to challenge a candidate's eligibility.	Only allowed qualified candidates or political parties to challenge eligibility.	Allowed "affiliated party committees" to challenge a candidate's eligibility.
Post-Election Audits	Current Law Retained. Did not adopt the 100% automated pre-certification audit. Leaves Florida's existing post-election audit laws completely untouched.	Massive Overhaul. Mandated 100% automated audits of all precincts to be completed and made public before election certification.	Rejected Overhaul. Stripped out the House's audit changes, defaulting back to existing post-certification audit laws.
Manual Recounts	Current Law Retained. Leaves existing manual recount procedures in place.	Replaced existing recount language with a "manual ballot review".	Retained the state's existing manual recount laws.
Deportation Warning in Oath	No deportation warning. Requires a checkbox acknowledging that submitting false information is a third-degree felony.	Added a specific warning about "deportation from the United States" to the official voter registration oath.	Removed the deportation warning; required a felony acknowledgment checkbox.

Federal Jury Duty Checks	Passive Receipt. Requires the State to use information received from federal jury coordinators to identify ineligible voters.	Proactive Sharing. Mandated the State proactively send voter rolls to federal courts monthly to cross-check jury data.	Passive Receipt. Required the State to use information received from federal jury coordinators.
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3/8/26 ACTION ALERT

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Subject: Strengthening SB 1334 with Voter ID Security and Foreign Funding Protections

Dear Florida State Leadership,

Thank you for your leadership in advancing SB 1334 and for prioritizing citizenship verification at the time of voter registration. Ensuring citizenship is verified before someone is placed on the voter rolls is simply common sense. **Allowing someone to register first and verifying citizenship later is like allowing a passenger to board an airplane and checking their identification after the plane has already taken off.** Security checks are done beforehand because it is far more effective to prevent problems than to try to correct them afterward. **This step does not disenfranchise voters.** The same individuals who claim this requirement is a hardship routinely provide documentation when applying for government benefits such as food assistance, loans, or medical care.

Both SB 1334 and CS/CS/HB 991 take important steps to ensure citizenship verification at registration. As the Senate continues its work on this legislation, I respectfully ask that SB 1334 be strengthened by incorporating key provisions from **CS/CS/HB 991**.

- **Update voter identification requirements** by removing non-government IDs such as student IDs, retirement center IDs, and debit or credit cards so that identification used at the polls is secure and verifiable.
- **Incorporate the House provisions restricting foreign funding in Florida elections**, providing stronger safeguards against foreign influence in ballot issues and election activities.

Additionally, as Florida continues to refine and strengthen its election systems, **future consideration could be given to utilizing Clear Ballot verification technology**, which has already demonstrated success in several Florida counties.

Thank you for your continued leadership and for your commitment to protecting the integrity of Florida's elections.

Sincerely,

2/24 ACTION ALERTS

1. Letter to Senate Republicans

Subject: Please Support SB 1334 and Negotiate a Strong Final Bill

Dear Senator,

I strongly support CS/CS/SB 1334 and the important steps it takes to strengthen citizenship verification, improve voter roll accuracy, and modernize election administration.

As negotiations continue with the House, I respectfully encourage inclusion of strengthened voter ID standards. Limiting acceptable identification to secure, government-issued photo IDs would provide clearer, more consistent safeguards statewide. Forms such as debit or credit cards, student IDs, retirement center IDs, neighborhood association IDs, and public assistance IDs are not uniformly issued or secured. Aligning Florida's standards with the majority of states would reduce confusion at polling places and strengthen public confidence.

Opponents argue these reforms may disenfranchise voters or create administrative burdens. However, SB 1334 includes notice, cure opportunities, and due process protections.

Verification occurs primarily at registration — not at the polling place — and relies heavily on existing government databases. Clear standards reduce litigation and inconsistency; they do not create chaos.

Claims of disenfranchisement also miss an important point. The documentation referenced in the bill — such as a birth certificate, passport, naturalization certificate, or Real ID-compliant driver license — is the same documentation routinely required to:

- Obtain government benefits
- Secure employment
- Receive Social Security or Medicare
- Access public assistance programs
- Obtain state-issued identification

If documentation is considered reasonable for accessing government benefits, it is reasonable for verifying eligibility to vote — a constitutional right reserved for U.S. citizens. Verification with due process is not disenfranchisement; it is responsible governance.

Both chambers have advanced strong reforms. I urge the Senate to work collaboratively with the House to negotiate a final bill that incorporates:

- Standardized citizenship verification
- Secure, government-issued voter ID standards
- Clear recount procedures
- Strong roll maintenance safeguards

Florida's reputation for election integrity was built on clarity and verifiable outcomes. A unified, negotiated bill will reinforce that foundation.

Respectfully,

2. Letter to House Republicans

Subject: Support Election Integrity CS/CS/HB 991 with Persons-Mulicka Amendment

Dear Republican House Representative,

I strongly support CS/CS/HB 991 (2026) as amended. Florida's national reputation for election integrity was built on clear standards, strong voter roll maintenance, transparent audits, and verifiable outcomes. This bill strengthens — not weakens — that foundation.

Opponents claim the bill undermines security, creates operational chaos, and disenfranchises voters. The structure of the legislation shows otherwise.

This bill strengthens election integrity by:

- Reinforcing the constitutional requirement that only U.S. citizens vote through standardized citizenship verification
- Providing notice, cure opportunities, hearings, and appeal rights to protect due process
- Requiring automated independent audits before certification, increasing transparency and accountability
- Keeping manual ballot reviews open to the public
- Standardizing recount and voter intent procedures statewide
- Strengthening protections against foreign national election influence

Concerns about operational disruption overlook that citizenship verification occurs at registration — not at the polling place. Voters whose status cannot be verified are identified in advance and provided notice and time to cure. Florida already has established provisional ballot procedures and trained poll workers. Clear statutory standards reduce confusion and litigation by ensuring consistency across counties.

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It is also important to maintain the bill's voter ID reforms. **Removing debit or credit cards, student IDs, retirement center IDs, neighborhood association IDs, and public assistance IDs strengthens security and consistency. These are not uniformly government-issued and lack standardized verification safeguards.** Most states require secure, government-issued photo identification, and aligning Florida's standards accordingly reinforces clarity, reduces disputes at polling locations, and strengthens public confidence.

CS/CS/HB 991 modernizes verification, enhances audit transparency, clarifies recount procedures, and protects Florida elections while preserving voter safeguards.

I respectfully urge your support.

Sincerely,

2/24/26 Bill Analysis with 2/20 Person Amendment

Policy Area	What the Bill Does	Benefits
Citizenship Verification	Requires U.S. citizenship verification before voter registration is valid; classifies unverified applicants as “unverified voters”; requires provisional ballots if citizenship is not verified; counts provisional ballots only if verification occurs within 2 days; requires DHSMV to transmit documentary proof; establishes list of acceptable citizenship documents	Ensures only eligible U.S. citizens are registered; creates uniform statewide standards; increases confidence; provides structured verification process; automatic rejection; preserves due process notice and appeal rights
Voter Roll Maintenance	Requires ongoing citizenship verification; enhances weekly interagency data matching; adds coordination with federal jury disqualification lists; establishes structured notice and response timelines; maintains 90-day federal election protections	Promotes cleaner, more accurate voter rolls; reduces risk of ineligible registrations; protects eligible voters through safeguards; increases transparency and accountability
Identification Standards	Clarifies acceptable identification at polls; reinforces signature comparison requirements	Creates clearer, more consistent ID standards; reduces confusion at polling locations; strengthens identity verification
Ballot Integrity	Reinforces use of official marksense ballots; allows ballot-on-demand printing; strengthens signature cure procedures; clarifies duplication process for damaged ballots	Promotes uniform ballot handling; reduces ambiguity in ballot duplication; improves transparency in signature verification and ballot processing
Automated Independent Audits	Requires automated independent audit before certification; mandates audit system independence; audits a significant portion of precincts; requires public notice; mandates consolidated reporting to Governor and Legislature	Adds second verification layer before certification; identifies discrepancies early; strengthens transparency; enhances accountability through public reporting
Recount & Manual Review	Clarifies recount triggers; authorizes digital image review; preserves physical ballot review; establishes clearer statewide voter intent standards; requires public manual reviews	Reduces confusion in close elections; streamlines recount procedures; increases transparency; provides consistent statewide standards
Foreign National Contributions	Expands prohibitions on foreign national contributions; restricts expenditures by entities receiving substantial foreign funding; establishes felony penalties and civil fines; assigns enforcement authority to Florida Elections Commission	Protects Florida elections from foreign influence; closes funding loopholes; adds meaningful enforcement mechanisms; strengthens election security

Driver License Citizenship Designation	Requires citizenship status designation on Florida driver licenses and IDs beginning in 2027; provides free replacement upon naturalization	Streamlines voter eligibility verification; reduces administrative burden; improves interagency coordination
Election Fraud Enforcement	Establishes five-year statute of limitations for felony election violations	Provides enforcement clarity; ensures serious violations can be prosecuted; strengthens deterrence

SB 1334 vs HB 991 — Comparison Graph		
Policy Area	SB 1334	HB 991
Core Purpose	Targeted election integrity &	Comprehensive election system
Citizenship	✓ Verified through DHSMV	✓ Verified through DHSMV
Unverified Voters	Notice + opportunity to cure	Registered but barred from voting
Paper Ballots	✓ Preserved as default	✓ Preserved
Human Oversight	✓ Supervisors & canvassing	✓ Supervisors + added system
Automated Vote Audits	✗ No	✓ Mandatory statewide
Recount Procedures	✗ No major changes	✓ Major restructuring
Voting Systems	✗ No changes	✓ Independent validation
Voter ID Changes	✗ No expansion	✓ Expanded & revised
Election Crime	✗ No changes	✓ Expanded, incl. racketeering
Foreign Influence	✗ No	✓ Yes
Scope	Narrow & focused	Broad & structural

SUPPORT SB 1334

This is voter protection, not voter suppression.

Instead of letting someone register first and verifying citizenship later—years after they vote—**SB 1334** verifies citizenship at the point of registration, preventing problems before they happen and **protecting eligible voters from chaos on Election Day.**

WHY SB 1334 IS NEEDED

1. It moves citizenship checks to the front end — where they belong.

- Verifies citizenship during registration.
- Uses existing state and federal records.

2. It relies on existing government databases — not new burdens.

- Uses records Floridians already provide for IDs & benefits.
- No new bureaucracy, no new burdens.

Bottom line: ✓ Cleaner voter rolls ✓ More confidence in results.

RESPONDING TO OPPOSITION CLAIMS

1 Claim: 'This bill will wrongly remove citizens from the voter rolls.'

- Uses records Floridians already provide for IDs & benefits.
- No new bureaucracy, no new burdens.

✓ **Verification, not invention.**

2 Claim: 'It will cost people money to vote.'

- **SB 1334** waives fees for updating citizenship status on a Florida ID after naturalization.
- No one is required to buy 'new' documents just to vote.

3 Claim: "Poll workers are being replaced by robots"

This claim is false. SB 1334 does **not** replace poll workers with robots or AI.

- Keeps **paper ballots** as the default voting method.
- Requires human supervisors of elections to:
 - Review eligibility
 - Send notices.
 - Conduct hearings.
 - Make final determinations.
- Uses existing databases to verify information — the same way agencies already do today.
- No automated decision-making replaces human judgment.

ADDITIONAL STRENGTHS OF SB 1334:

SUPPORT CS/HB 991

Strengthening Voter Registration & Protecting Every Lawful Vote

Verifies citizenship at registration — prevents ineligible registrations — protects due process

WHAT THIS BILL DOES

- ✓ **Verifies Citizenship at Registration**
 - Confirms U.S. citizenship during the voter registration process — not years later.
 - Uses existing state and federal databases (including DHSMV records).
 - Prevents ineligible registrations before they occur.
 - Reduces Election Day confusion and provisional ballots.
- ✓ **Updates Voter ID & Citizenship Records**
 - Ensures citizenship status updates are reflected in voter records.
 - Waives fees for updating Florida driver license or state ID after naturalization.
 - Aligns voter registration data with already-verified identification records.
 - Eliminates gaps between DMV records and voter rolls.
- ✓ **Protects Due Process**
 - Prohibits automatic removals from voter rolls.
 - Requires written notice if citizenship cannot not be verified.
 - Provides time to respond and submit documentation.
 - Allows for hearings before final determinations.
 - If there is doubt, the voter remains eligible until resolved.
- ✓ **Uses Existing Systems — No New Burdens**
 - Relies on documentation already required for driver licenses, employment, and public benefits.
 - Creates no new documentation standards.
 - Maintains paper ballots and human oversight.

BOTTOM LINE

- ✓ Resolves eligibility before Election Day, reducing chaos and provisional ballots.
- ✓ Improves accuracy of voter rolls and protects lawful voters from dilution of their vote.
- ✓ Ensures due process protections and uses existing systems — no new documentation burdens.

www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2026/991

★ Verification is not Discrimination. ★

(A) PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES REQUIRING PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP

★ Federal Programs:

- ✓ Medicaid
- ✓ SNAP (Food Assistance)
- ✓ TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
- ✓ Housing Assistance (HUD)
- ✓ Social Security Benefits
- ✓ Pell Grants
- ✓ Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Applications
- ✓ FEMA Disaster Assistance: Requires proof of citizenship or legal residency for disaster relief assistance.
- ✓ Veterans Affairs (VA) Benefits
- ✓ Head Start Programs

★ Employment:

- ✓ Employment Eligibility Verification (I-9 Form); Requires proof of citizenship or legal residency for employment.

★ State Programs:

- ✓ State Health Programs
- ✓ State Welfare Programs
- ✓ State Education Grants

★ Education:

- ✓ State College Admissions: Some state colleges may require proof of citizenship for in-state tuition.

(B) PROGRAMS REQUIRING ID

★ Public Programs:

- ✓ Driver's License / State ID
- ✓ Voter Registration
- ✓ Public Assistance Programs
- ✓ State Loans and Grants
- ✓ Transportation Services

★ Travel:

- ✓ Flying on Commercial Airlines: Requires ID for boarding.
- ✓ Train and Bus Travel: Often requires ID for ticket purchases or boarding.

★ Rental Services:

- ✓ Renting Cars: Requires a valid driver's license and often a credit card for identification.

★ Public Meetings:

- ✓ Opening & Closing Bank Accounts: Requires ID to verify identity.

★ Banking & Financial Transactions:

- ✓ Opening & Closing Bank Accounts: Requires ID to verify identity.

★ Healthcare:

- ✓ Health Insurance Enrollment: Often requires ID to verify identity and eligibility.

If an ID works for benefits, it works for ballots.

2/17/26 Letter to Senate Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

Subject- Support for CS/SB 1334 – Election Integrity and Cost Savings

Dear Chair and Members of the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development,

I respectfully urge your support for CS/SB 1334. This legislation strengthens election integrity while delivering meaningful cost efficiencies through improved verification processes and inter-agency coordination .

CS/SB 1334 promotes fiscal responsibility and administrative efficiency by:

- Reducing costly post-election litigation and investigations through upfront verification of U.S. citizenship status.

- Improving inter-agency data sharing between the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the Department of State to prevent duplicate records and administrative errors .
- Requiring documentation of citizenship status in the statewide voter registration system, creating cleaner voter rolls and reducing time-intensive manual reviews .
- Standardizing reporting timelines and procedures, which reduces confusion, recount-related expenses, and last-minute compliance burdens.
- Designating citizenship status on state-issued identification cards, streamlining verification processes and reducing repetitive verification costs over time .

By modernizing verification systems and improving administrative clarity, CS/SB 1334 helps ensure that only eligible voters participate in Florida elections while protecting taxpayers from avoidable costs and inefficiencies.

Thank you for your consideration. I respectfully ask for your favorable vote on CS/SB 1334.

Sincerely,

2/17/26 Letter to House State Affairs

Dear House State Affairs Committee Members,,

I respectfully urge you to support CS/HB 991, legislation that strengthens Florida’s voter registration system while protecting the rights of eligible voters. This bill ensures that citizenship is verified at the time of registration—before Election Day—rather than allowing eligibility questions to surface after a ballot has been cast. By relying on existing state and federal databases, including DHSMV records, the bill prevents ineligible registrations from occurring in the first place and reduces confusion, disputes, and provisional ballots.

CS/HB 991 also improves the accuracy and integrity of voter records without creating new burdens. Specifically, the bill:

- Confirms U.S. citizenship during the registration process using existing government records.
- Ensures citizenship status updates are reflected in voter records.
- Waives fees for updating a Florida driver license or state ID after naturalization.
- Aligns voter registration data with already-verified identification records.
- Importantly, the legislation includes strong due process protections. It does not allow automatic removals from the voter rolls. Instead, it:
 - Requires written notice if citizenship cannot be verified.
 - Provides voters time to respond and submit documentation.
 - Allows for hearings before any final determination.
 - Keeps voters eligible if there is unresolved doubt.

By resolving eligibility questions early, CS/HB 991 reduces the number of provisional ballots issued on Election Day and increases the likelihood that ballots cast are counted. It strengthens coordination between agencies to maintain accurate voter rolls, protects lawful voters from dilution of their vote, and maintains human oversight at every stage of the process.

CS/HB 991 enhances election integrity, promotes public confidence, and protects eligible voters—without imposing new documentation standards or unnecessary barriers. I respectfully ask you to vote in favor of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

VOTE NO on Amendment: Why Same-Day Registration Undermines Election Integrity

Dear Chair and Members of the State Affairs Committee,

I respectfully write to express serious concerns regarding proposals to implement same-day voter registration in Florida. While increasing participation is an important goal, same-day registration presents significant administrative, fiscal, and election integrity challenges that deserve careful consideration.

Key concerns include:

- **Insufficient time for verification** – Election officials would have limited ability to fully verify identity, residency, and citizenship before a ballot is cast.
- **Increased provisional ballots** – Unverified registrations may result in more provisional ballots, delaying results and increasing post-election workload.
- **Higher costs to taxpayers** – Same-day registration requires real-time database access, expanded staffing, additional training, and upgraded technology systems.
- **Strain on poll workers and longer lines** – Processing registrations and ballots simultaneously can slow voting operations and increase confusion at polling locations.
- **Reduced voter roll maintenance time** – Existing registration deadlines allow supervisors to clean and verify voter rolls before Election Day.
- **Greater risk of duplicate or inaccurate registrations** – Without adequate pre-election cross-checking, errors may not be detected until after ballots are cast.
- **Certification and recount complications** – Late eligibility determinations can create delays in certification and complicate recount procedures.

Florida's current system allows ample opportunity to register while also preserving time for verification and list maintenance. Maintaining a clear registration deadline helps ensure elections are both accessible and secure.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns. I respectfully urge the committee to carefully weigh the fiscal and operational impacts before advancing same-day voter registration policies.

Sincerely,
Teresa Miller
Florida Fair Elections Director

Subject: Improved Accuracy of Florida's Voter Roll Maintenance Process

Dear Chair and Members of the State Affairs Committee,

As a citizen who has been working to understand Florida's voter roll maintenance and removal process over the past five years, I have seen firsthand how the system has become increasingly thorough, data-driven, and highly accurate. Florida's supervisors of elections follow detailed statutory procedures and use inter-agency data sharing to ensure voter rolls are lawful, current, and reliable.

It is important to understand that when voter registration totals decline in a given year, it is often the result of responsible list maintenance — not a lack of civic engagement. Key reasons voter rolls may decrease even while new voters are registering include:

1. **Removal of deceased voters** – Regular cross-checks with state and federal death records ensure deceased individuals are promptly removed.
2. **Voters moving out of state** – Interstate data-sharing and out-of-state driver license updates trigger lawful removals.
3. **Inactive voters after address confirmation notices** – Undeliverable mail and failure to respond over two federal cycles can result in removal under federal law.

4. **Citizenship verification updates** – Information from state and federal databases may identify individuals who are not eligible under citizenship requirements.
5. **Felony status (rights not restored)** – Verified felony convictions without restoration of voting rights require removal.
6. **Duplicate registrations** – Enhanced data matching eliminates duplicate records within and across counties.
7. **Record corrections and consolidations** – Updates to names, legal status, or identifying information may merge multiple records into one accurate entry.
8. **Post-election audits and maintenance cycles** – After major election cycles, supervisors conduct deeper reviews that improve accuracy and integrity.

Florida's voter roll maintenance process reflects compliance with both state and federal law and demonstrates a commitment to accuracy, transparency, and election integrity. A cleaner voter roll strengthens public confidence and ensures that only eligible voters participate in our elections.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

1. General Eligibility for SSI

To be eligible, you must fall into at least one of these categories:

- **Aged: 65 years or older.**
- **Blind: Central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in your better eye (with corrective lenses) or a visual field of 20 degrees or less.**
- **Disabled: A physical or mental impairment that prevents "Substantial Gainful Activity" (SGA), has lasted or is expected to last at least 12 months, or is expected to result in death.**

Other Requirements:

- **Citizenship: You must be a U.S. citizen, national, or a "qualified alien" (such as a lawful permanent resident or refugee).**
- **Residency: You must live in one of the 50 states, D.C., or the Northern Mariana Islands.**

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Policy Area	Florida SB 1334 (Senate)	Florida HB 991 (House)	Trump Election Agenda
Citizen-Only Voting	Requires verification of U.S. citizenship before voter registration approval; citizenship status recorded in statewide system	Companion bill supporting citizen-only voting requirements	Calls for proof of U.S. citizenship to vote nationwide
Voter ID	Reinforces valid photo ID requirement at polling places; signature matching and provisional ballots if needed	Supports voter ID enforcement	Strongly supports nationwide photo voter ID laws

Clean Voter Rolls	Mandates systematic voter-roll maintenance; removes non-citizens, deceased, ineligible felons, and duplicates with due process	Supports removal of ineligible voters from rolls	Advocates aggressive cleanup of voter rolls
DMV-Based Verification	Requires online voter registrations to be verified against DMV records; citizenship status recorded	Supports DMV-based verification framework	Supports using government databases (DMV) for voter verification
Election Audits & Transparency	Expands automated independent vote validation; public audits and reporting before certification	Supports enhanced election audits	Calls for transparent, auditable elections
Enforcement & Accountability	Establishes 5-year statute of limitations for felony election fraud; improves inter-agency coordination	Aligned enforcement posture	Calls for stronger enforcement and penalties for election fraud
Implementation Level	Detailed operational and technical implementation	Policy-aligned House companion	National policy goals and priorities

SB 1178 Foreign Influence

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Dear Ethics and Elections Committee Senators,

I am writing to urge you to **vote YES on SB 1178**, the Foreign Interference Restriction and Enforcement Act.

This bill is a critical step to protect Florida from foreign governments and organizations that seek to influence our elections, public officials, and critical infrastructure. SB 1178 increases transparency, prohibits gifts from hostile foreign entities, and strengthens safeguards against foreign interference at the state and local level.

These protections are not partisan — they are about **Florida’s security, integrity, and independence**. Transparency and accountability are essential to maintaining public trust and safeguarding our institutions.

Florida’s sovereignty and security must come first. I respectfully ask for your support of SB 1178.

Thank you for your service and for considering my views. I will be following this legislation closely.