



STATEMENT

VoteRiders on HB 1569 in New Hampshire

"House Bill 1569 proposes a drastic overhaul of New Hampshire's elections and would make New Hampshire's voter registration system one of the most restrictive in the country. Not only would it require voters to show a photo ID when casting their ballot, but it would also add cumbersome requirements in the form of documentary evidence of their US citizenship. Based on our recent study, we know that 1 in 10 US voting age citizens could not readily access documentary proof of citizenship if they needed to, making it much more difficult to access their right to vote.

"While this law would not be in effect for the upcoming election, any change in law this close to a major election risks confusing all voters. Voter ID laws are part of a broad, well-funded, and deliberate effort to block millions of Americans from the voting booth. We know that voter ID initiatives like HB1569 aren't about security at the ballot box, they're about blocking voters from accessing it - a sentiment that goes against the very foundation of our democracy.

"As the country's leading organization focused on the crucial issue of voter ID, VoteRiders is proud to stand alongside advocates across New Hampshire in calling on Governor Sununu to reject this unnecessary and dangerous bill."