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## **The SAVE America Act Will Make Voting Harder for Everyone**

Under current US law, it is illegal for non-citizens to register and vote in federal or state elections. In North Carolina, voters must bring photo ID to the ballot box, one of many processes to help ensure that only eligible voters are voting.

The US Senate is now debating a bill that not only requires Voter ID; it will require all eligible voters to provide documented proof of citizenship in order to register to vote. Every American citizen would have to show specific documents, like a passport or original birth certificate, in person when registering, updating their registration, and casting their ballot.

This may sound easy. However, you may be among the millions of eligible voters who do not have the documentation required to prove your citizenship if this law passes.

- If you changed your name when you married, as many women do, you do not possess a birth certificate that matches your current legal name and, therefore, could not present it as valid proof of citizenship.
- North Carolina's Real ID License cannot be used to prove citizenship.
- The proposed Act requires you to show citizenship documentation *every* time you register, including after a change of address.

Citizens need to understand that the *SAVE America Act* introduces far more than Voter ID, already required in North Carolina. Because getting the necessary citizenship documents can be slow and costly the proposed requirements will unnecessarily burden many eligible voters.

Sadly, when it becomes harder to register to vote, many people decide it's not worth it--and eligible voters from all political parties are left out. Contact your Senators to let them know how you feel about this Act.

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