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**ADVOCATING FOR THE SAVE ACT
BEFORE THE 2024 ELECTION**



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LETTER FROM THE COALITION

First, *thank you*. Thank you for choosing to take action on a critically important issue like election integrity, and particularly on the threat of noncitizens voting. The changes that must be made will not be made without you, and **we are deeply grateful for the time and energy you spend to solve this problem.**

You may be asking yourself, can noncitizens really vote in U.S. elections? Even in states with voter ID requirements? In an ideal world, the answer would be a solid, resounding NO. However, we do not live in that world - yet. In short, the current federal laws governing voter registration contain giant holes that allow noncitizens - whether here illegally or legally - to register to vote and to then cast a ballot.

One of the most fundamental problems with the existing law is that documentary proof is *not required* to register to vote anywhere in the United States. At the state level, there are no IDs that indicate citizenship status either. To address the federal law, Congressman Chip Roy has introduced the Safeguarding American Voter Eligibility Act (SAVE Act) in the House, and Senator Mike Lee has introduced it in the Senate. The SAVE Act would make the changes necessary to ensure only U.S. citizens are voting in U.S. elections.

Included in this guide are sample emails to federal officials, state officials, and your friends/network summarizing the problem and urging them to support the SAVE Act. There is also a sample letter to the editor that you can submit to your local paper or other media. Feel free to customize the material with the names and contact information of the officials that represent you, or other information that is relevant to your area.

We've also included results from a poll that shows the vast majority of Americans are with us on this issue, and other resources that will help you in this fight to ensure that only U.S. citizens vote!

In liberty,

Cleta Mitchell, Jenny Beth Martin, and the entire Only Citizens Vote Coalition

OPTIONS FOR ENGAGEMENT

We want to share information to educate other people about noncitizens being able to register to vote and then cast a ballot, and how it is a real threat. We want to also teach them about the solution and help them urge elected officials to do what is necessary to stop it. The following list includes various ways you can share this information and make a difference.



Sign up at OnlyCitizensVoteCoalition.com to learn more, access resources, and join the coalition.



Post on social media – Facebook, Twitter/X, Instagram, TikTok, SnapChat, etc. Whichever platforms you use, post on them.

(Total time: 10 minutes)



Submit a letter to the editor.

(Total time: 10 minutes – use our template)



Write an email to your friends/family/network encouraging them to take action to support the SAVE Act.

(Total time: 10 minutes – use our template)



Write an email to your federal officials to support the SAVE Act.

(Total time: 10 minutes – use our template)



Write an email to your state officials to support the SAVE Act and take action at the state level.

(Total time: 10 minutes – use our template)



Organize a sign-waving event, either as a one-time event or a recurring event. Sample messages included.

(Organizing time: 30 minutes. Total event time: 2 hours)

ABOUT THE ONLY CITIZENS VOTE COALITION

Across this great nation, election administrators, elected officials, political parties, candidates, judges, citizen election integrity volunteers and leaders, are preparing for the upcoming 2024 elections in each state. But radical progressive politicians and interest groups have been working for years to block efforts and eliminate laws requiring proof of U.S. citizenship to register to vote in U.S. elections. Without such laws, millions of illegal aliens and noncitizens may be able to register and vote in November's elections.

This is a big problem for our country. Each Illegal vote by a noncitizen is an attack on the votes and voices of American citizens.

This is a bi-partisan concern, with more than 85% of Americans agreeing that only United States citizens should be allowed to vote in American elections. And more than 83% of Americans believe people should provide proof of citizenship to vote in our elections. It's common sense.

OUR MISSION

We believe that only United States citizens should be allowed to vote in any American election—local, state, and federal—and that proof of United States citizenship must be required to register to vote.

We are united in that principle and will work together to:

- educate our fellow citizens on the importance of citizen-only voting
- ensure the enactment and administration of laws and practices at all levels of government to prevent noncitizen registration and voting.

To view a current list of coalition members, to access resources, join the coalition, and more, please visit OnlyCitizensVoteCoalition.com.

THE PROBLEM

First, the 1993 National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) mandated that states accept the federal voter registration form. The federal form contains a box for potential voters to check to indicate that they are citizens - but that's it.

The law doesn't require documentary proof of citizenship to register. When states tried to add a requirement for documentary proof like Arizona did, they were sued, and eventually the Supreme Court ruled that because the NVRA did not include language to require documentary proof, states could not add that requirement.

Additionally, the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) allows people to register and vote by email without any residence in the United States, and without ID or proof of citizenship. Originally meant to help military personnel and their family members vote, in actuality, it's an invitation for foreign nationals to meddle in our elections.

Another vulnerability is that student IDs are considered approved identification to vote in almost every state. However, foreign students also get student IDs when they are students. Student IDs do not indicate citizenship. How many foreign students are voting in our elections?

Finally, we must look at Executive Order 14019. Joe Biden issued this EO on March 7, 2021. The EO states that every federal agency, and those offices present in every state, are required to provide registration information to everyone who comes into contact with that office/agency. Many federal agencies interact with noncitizens every day. The Biden Administration also will not release information about whether or not there are safeguards in place to ensure noncitizens are not registering to vote.

Now, with all of that information, think about this: There are (at least) over 21.7 million potential noncitizen voters. According to the Census Bureau, almost 22 million noncitizens were residing in the United States in 2022. **However, we know that number has increased significantly as a result of Joe Biden's open border.**

More: 19 States & DC Issue Driver's Licenses to Illegal Aliens. And every state issues driver's licenses to noncitizens. None of these IDs indicate citizenship status on them. Federal law requires the use of driver's licenses or social security numbers to confirm voter eligibility, but both are issued to noncitizens - thus creating a dangerous loophole that allows noncitizens to register . . . and vote.

Finally, 85% of Americans Agree: Only Citizens Vote. The far-left is ignoring the vast majority of Americans who agree that only United States citizens should be able to vote in United States elections.

THE SOLUTIONS

FEDERAL LEVEL: THE SAVE ACT

Only Citizens Vote Coalition supports the efforts to promote the passage of the SAVE Act (Safeguarding American Voter Eligibility) introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX) and in the Senate by Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT). The SAVE Act will preserve the integrity of federal elections by ensuring that only U.S. citizens can participate in voting.

The Act proposes significant amendments to the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) by mandating documentary proof of U.S. citizenship and identity during voter registration, regardless of the registration method. It also establishes mechanisms for removing noncitizens from voter rolls and facilitates access to federal databases for this purpose. Furthermore, the legislation expands the rights of citizens to sue election officials who fail to enforce these requirements.

While only U.S. citizens can legally vote in Federal elections, Federal law has significantly undermined state laws requiring proof of U.S. citizenship for voter registration.

The SAVE Act would restore Americans' confidence that only U.S. citizens can vote in Federal elections by:

- Requiring that proof of citizenship accompany the federal voter registration application that every state must accept.
- Mandating that states establish a program to remove noncitizens from their existing voter rolls using data provided by the Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Administration at no cost to the states.
- Empowering U.S. citizens to bring civil lawsuits against election officials who fail to require proof of citizenship to register to vote in Federal elections.
- Creating criminal penalties for persons who knowingly register noncitizens to vote in Federal elections.

STATE LEVEL

1. If an identification or permit to drive is issued to noncitizens, ensure that it is clearly discernible as a noncitizen permit or identification ONLY. ***Remember, noncitizens are not always illegally here. Some are legally in the USA, but they are still not allowed to vote.***
2. Ensure that noncitizens are not being registered to vote at the DMV or other state agencies.
3. State election officials must create a process in cooperation with the DMV and social services agencies to ensure that noncitizen registrations are not included in the registrations forwarded from DMV and social services agencies to the state election offices.

“IT’S ILLEGAL, SO IT’S NOT HAPPENING.”

This is the most common pushback that we hear from those who don’t, for some reason, want to ensure that American citizens are the only ones voting in our elections.

It’s true that the 1996 Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act makes it a deportable offense for noncitizens to register to vote and to vote. However, as previously mentioned, there are many holes that allow noncitizens to do both of these activities. Below is a bullet list of points that demonstrate the “it’s illegal, so it’s not happening” argument is easily dismissed.

- The National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993 and the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voter Act (UOCAVA) do not require documentary proof of citizenship to register to vote.
- The NVRA requires all states to accept the federal voter registration form. In 2013, the Supreme Court ruled in *Arizona v. Inter Tribal Council of Arizona* that states did not have the authority to add a requirement for documentary proof of citizenship to the federal form.
- The UOCAVA does not require an ID to vote when voting from overseas.
- Legal noncitizens are eligible for driver’s licenses and other IDs, including the REAL ID. 19 states and DC issue driver’s licenses to illegal aliens. Even where voter ID is required, there are no IDs that indicate whether or not someone is a citizen.
- Public Interest Legal Foundation has been documenting cases of foreign nationals registering to vote and voting for the past decade.
- Joe Biden’s Executive Order 14019, issued shortly after taking office, requires all federal agencies and their offices across the country to offer voter registration to anyone who interacts with the agency, using the federal form. Again, the form does not require documentary proof of citizenship to register.
- Since Joe Biden took office, there are millions of new illegal aliens in the country, interacting with many federal agencies for various reasons. As there is no requirement for documentary proof of citizenship, and the agencies are required to offer voter registration forms to everyone, there is nothing to stand in the way of any noncitizen registering to vote.
- Finally, it is laughable to claim that laws aren’t broken. We all know laws are broken every day. It’s called crime. People do illegal things every day, despite knowing they might be caught and punished.

SAMPLE SOCIAL MEDIA

RECOMMENDED HASHTAG: **#ONLYCITIZENSVOTE**

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America has massive loopholes in our voter registration system and they must be closed. Support the SAVE Act and protect American elections! **#OnlyCitizensVote**



Patriot

Your vote can easily be diluted by noncitizens b/c no documentary proof of citizenship is required when registering to vote or voting. It's why the SAVE Act must become law. **#OnlyCitizensVote**



Patriot

Securing American elections means closing the loopholes that allow noncitizens to vote. The **#SAVEAct** does exactly that by closing gaps in our voter registration system. Tell your members of Congress to support the **#SAVEAct!**



Patriot

Did you know that an individual does NOT have to provide documentary proof of citizenship to register to vote using the federal form? States must accept this form. Pass the SAVE Act now! **#OnlyCitizensVote**



Patriot

Voter integrity is NOT partisan - every American should want honest elections where **#OnlyCitizensVote**, and that starts with securing voter registration. Support the SAVE Act!



Patriot

Countless Americans have given their lives for our freedoms, including the right to vote. We must honor their sacrifice by preserving this right for only American citizens to vote. **#OnlyCitizensVote**



SAMPLE LETTER TO THE EDITOR

WHAT IS A LETTER TO THE EDITOR?

A letter to the editor is a letter written to the Editor of a newspaper. The letter is an opportunity for you to express your opinion about a recent article published in the paper or an issue in the news.

Writing letters to the editor is an important engagement tool for activists. They allow activists to do the following:



1) Reach a broader audience than you normally would have;



2) Hold your local journalists accountable;



3) Present alternative views on political issues.

Letters to the editor are usually found in the first section of the newspaper or on the editorial page.



GUIDELINES FOR GETTING A LETTER TO THE EDITOR PUBLISHED

Most newspapers publish guidelines with their specific requirements for getting a letter published, but here are some general rules that will help you get your letter to the editor published.

- **Include your name and address and a telephone number** where you can be reached.
- **Be respectful and courteous**, even when disagreeing with the Editorial Board about a specific issue.
- **Be specific.** If you are opposed to Obamacare, mention the specific reasons why. Provide examples.
- **Cite your sources.** If you include any quoted material, be sure to correctly cite your source or attribute the quote.
- **Use proper grammar.** Spellcheck your letter and be sure to use proper grammar. Refer to The Elements of Style for a great overview of effective writing.
- **Be concise.** Letters to the editor are much more likely to be published if they are 300 words or less. Make your point as clearly and concisely as possible.

SAMPLE LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993 mandated that every state accept the federal government's voter registration form. In the years since, the form has proved to be problematic because there is no requirement to obtain proof that the person being registered is a United States citizen.

This is clearly a threat to our republic. There are millions of illegal aliens in the country, as well as millions of legal immigrants, none of whom are allowed to vote, but could, because the 1993 law does not require proof of citizenship to register or vote.

That is why Congressman Chip Roy introduced the SAVE Act, a bill that plugs the loopholes in our voter registration process. Chiefly, that those being registered to vote are required to prove citizenship.

Let's face it, if any American went to another country and tried to vote in their elections we would expect that country to reasonably say no. That is exactly what's being done with the SAVE Act. We are simply ensuring that only United States citizens are voting, and this is a reasonable position to hold.

I encourage everyone to ask their federal officials to support the SAVE Act, local and state officials to support it through resolutions, state constitutions, and laws requiring IDs to indicate noncitizen status.

This is not a partisan issue. Every legal voter's vote is diluted by illegal votes. This bill should pass unanimously in both chambers and signed immediately afterward by President Biden. After all, don't we all expect our elected officials to agree that only citizens should vote?

We must protect and secure our republic in order to have a future for both citizens and noncitizens who may, one day, become citizens of this great country.

[Your Name]
[Your City]

SAMPLE EMAIL TO FRIENDS AND NETWORK

Below is a short email that you can send to your friends or tea party group, encouraging them to sign up to help Secure and Win, to stop child sex slavery. You can also use this email to craft a text message to send to friends if you prefer to text.

New Message

To [Email]

Subject Did you see what non-citizens can do?

Dear [Name],

I am reaching out with important information that every American needs to know: There are major gaps in our voter registration laws that allow noncitizens to vote in U.S. elections.

Specifically, the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993 and our Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voter Act (UOCAVA) left glaring holes in the election registration process.

These holes in the NVRA and UOCAVA allow noncitizens to register to vote and then vote, plain and simple. There is no actual verification of citizenship when using the federal registration form - and every state is required to accept that form. When you fill out the federal voter registration form, you check a box stating that you are a citizen. That's it. No proof needed. And, with overseas voting, you can register and vote without ever proving citizenship or showing ID.

Wait, there's more! Every DMV, social service agency at the state level, and every federal agency and all of their offices across the country are required to provide registration information to everyone who does business with them - with zero requirements to ask about citizenship status. So, if noncitizens are getting IDs, or signing up for benefits, or doing anything with any of these offices, they are being given the chance to register - because remember, no proof of citizenship needed.

Finally, since 2021, there have been - at minimum - over 3.5 million illegal immigrants who have been released into our country. That doesn't include the roughly 2 million known "gotaways" or ones we don't know about and it doesn't include the 20 million or so noncitizens who are here legally, all of whom could register to vote.

These are *huge* problems. But they can be fixed if Congress will do its job.

SAMPLE EMAIL TO FRIENDS AND NETWORK (CONT.)

The Safeguarding American Voter Eligibility or SAVE Act, introduced by Congressman Chip Roy in the House and Senator Mike Lee in the Senate, will restore integrity to our elections in the following ways:

- Requiring that proof of citizenship accompany the federal voter registration application that every state must accept.
- Mandating that states establish a program to remove noncitizens from their existing voter rolls using data provided by the Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Administration at no cost to the states.
- Empowering U.S. citizens to bring civil lawsuits against election officials who fail to require proof of citizenship to register to vote in Federal elections.
- Creating criminal penalties for persons who knowingly register noncitizens to vote in Federal elections.

This is not a partisan issue. This affects every American citizen, no matter which party you prefer. Every illegal vote dilutes the vote of a citizen. We should all come together and demand that the people who represent the citizens of the United States of America pass this legislation immediately to ensure that only citizens are voting.

Additionally, we can push for changes to our state constitution (if needed) to specifically ban noncitizen voting, we can pass resolutions in favor of banning noncitizen voting, we can advocate for IDs that indicate noncitizen status, and more.

Please join me in contacting our federally elected officials, urging them to support and vote for the SAVE Act, and for pushing for changes at the local and state level.

[Add contact information for your U.S. senators and representative to make it easier for people to take action!]

Visit the Only Citizens Vote Coalition at OnlyCitizensVoteCoalition.com for resources and information about this issue. For additional calls to action and resources, go to CitizenOnlyVoting.com.

Thank you!

[Your Name]

Send



SAMPLE EMAIL TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

To email a member of Congress, whether in the House or Senate, you usually need to use the online form that is found on their official websites. you usually need to use the online form that is found on their official websites. Do a web search of the Senator or Representative's name to find their site.

New Message

To [Senator or Representative's Email]

Subject Vote "Yes" on the SAVE Act and save our elections

Dear [Senator or Representative's Name],

I am a constituent in your district and I am writing you this letter to make clear my position on the very urgent issue of securing American Elections. The Safeguarding American Voter Eligibility Act (SAVE Act) has recently been introduced by Congressman Chip Roy in the House and Senator Mike Lee in the Senate, and cosponsored by others.

As a citizen of this great nation, I want to encourage you to vote in favor of closing the glaring holes in our voter registration system so that I, and other Americans, can feel confident in our election process and outcomes.

The SAVE Act addresses the major vulnerabilities caused by the NVRA and UOCAVA that allow noncitizens to register to vote and actually cast a ballot – even though the 1996 Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act makes it a deportable offense. While many want to deny that this happens, the reality is that it does and there is nothing in the law that requires proof of citizenship to register to vote or to vote.

This is not a partisan issue. Both Democrats and Republicans should want to ensure that only U.S. citizens are voting, so that our votes are not diluted by illegal votes. There are no good reasons for arguing against closing these loopholes. Please get behind Congressman Roy and the other cosponsors and vote yes on the SAVE Act and save our elections!

Thank you.

[Your Name]

Send

SAMPLE EMAIL TO STATE OFFICIALS

Contacting state officials varies between states. Head over to your state legislature's website to figure out the best way to contact your state elected officials.

New Message

To [State Official's Email]

Subject Support the SAVE Act and save our elections

Dear [State Official's Name],

America's election registration process has holes that need to be closed. The National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993 and the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voter Act (UOCAVA) do not require documentary proof of citizenship to register or to vote. This creates the opening for noncitizens to register and vote, whether in the United States or overseas.

At the federal level, Congressman Chip Roy and Senator Mike Lee have introduced the Safeguarding American Voter Eligibility Act (SAVE Act) to close those loopholes, but there is more we can do at the state level – because the election process belongs to the states! Three immediate actions are:

1. Require state-issued IDs to clearly indicate citizenship status.
2. Create processes to ensure DMVs are not registering noncitizens, and have a process available to report it to the state when a noncitizen does register.
3. Express support for the federal SAVE Act.

Americans demand secure elections, and it's no secret that we do not trust the process anymore – therefore it's time to fix the real problems that exist. When you help solve these problems, American citizens can be confident in our elections again and the citizen's vote will no longer be diluted by illegal votes.

Thank you.

[Your Name]

Send

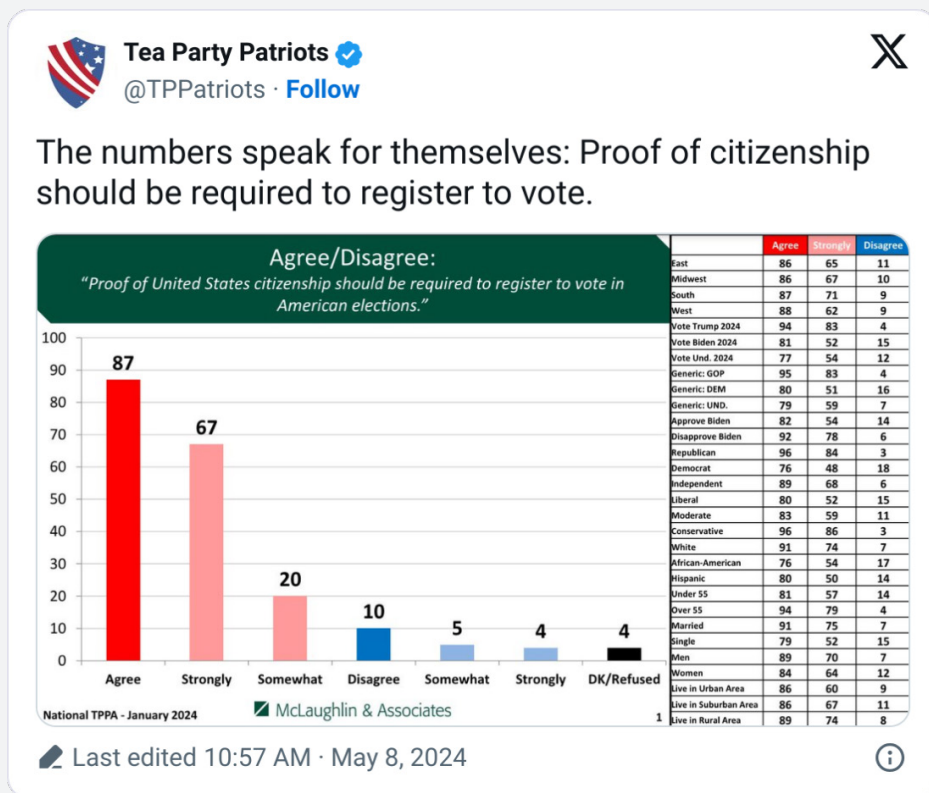
POLL RESULTS

The vast majority of Americans agree that only citizens should register to vote and only citizens should vote. In January 2024, Tea Party Patriots fielded a poll with McLaughlin and Associates about this issue.

The poll, which surveyed 1,000 general election voters and was conducted January 25-31, found:

- 87% agree that “proof of United States citizenship should be required to register to vote in American elections.”
- 86% agree that “only United States citizens should be allowed to vote in elections in America”

You can visit our poll results page for a deeper dive into these results: tpp.me/noncitizenpoll.



When the people who oppose our effort to stop noncitizens from being able to register to vote and vote, remember these poll results. The opposition holds a fringe position on this issue. ***We stand united with Americans from every political party who agree that **Only Citizens Vote!*****

HOW-TO HOST A SIGN/FLAG WAVING EVENT

You may or may not have a lot of people join you at a sign waving event. Do it anyway. This is important to do. Have the courage to make your voice heard even if you do not know how many others will be there with you. Know that you will NOT be alone because the vast majority of Americans agree that only citizens vote!

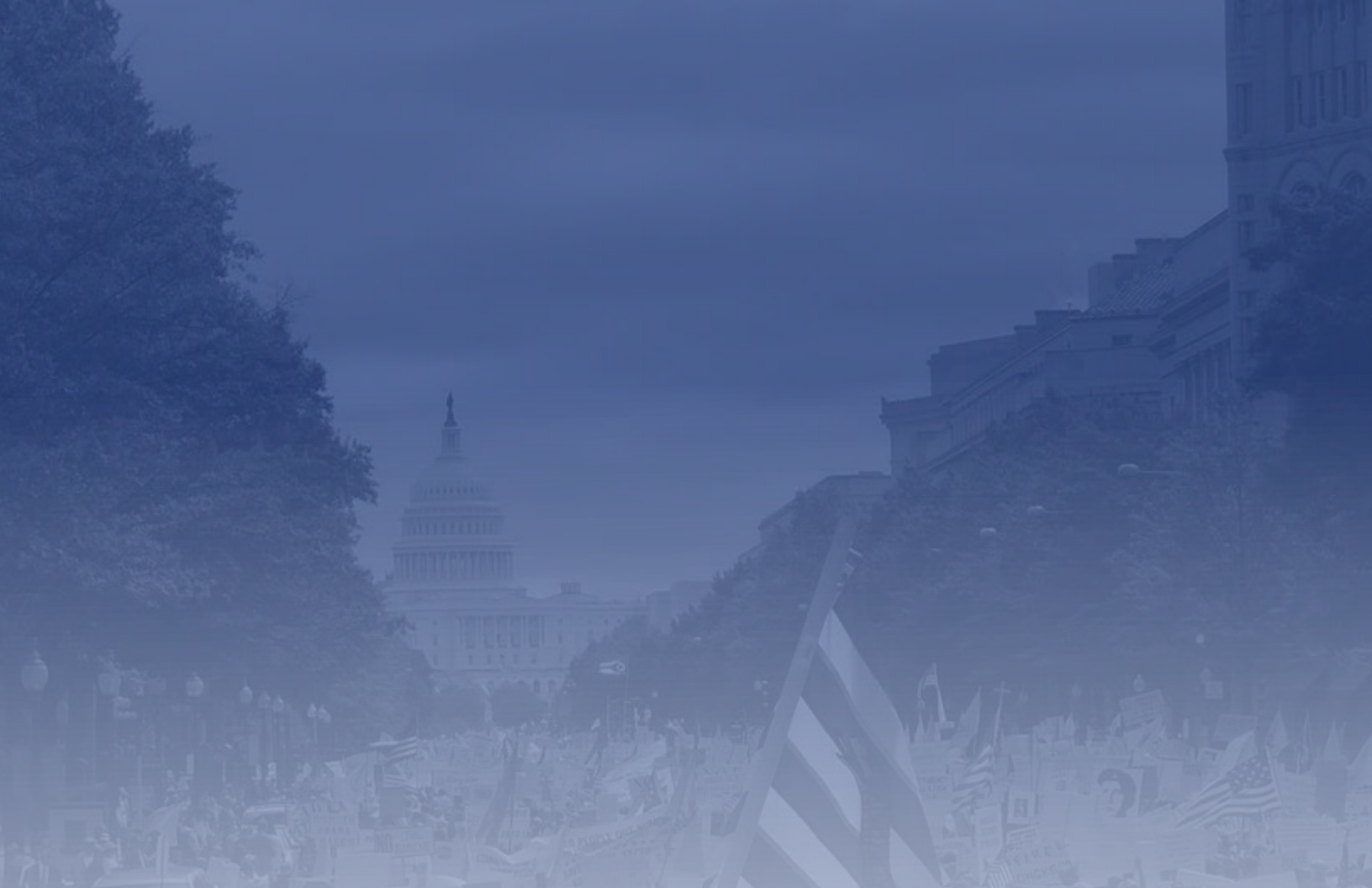
- 1. Secure a location.** You will want your event to be at an intersection with heavy traffic to maximize visibility. Confirm with local officials that you are allowed to wave signs at this location. As an alternative, you may also want to sign-wave right outside the office of your member of Congress.
- 2. Make signs.** Use the kind of messaging found in the sample social media posts, the sample letter to the editor, or the sample letter to Congress. For example:
 - *"Pass the SAVE Act: Only Citizens Vote!"*
 - *"The SAVE Act: Save American Elections!"*
 - *"SAVE Act. Save America. Only Citizens Vote!"*
 - *"Secure Elections: Only Citizens Vote!"*
 - *"Right now, noncitizens can vote. This must stop! Pass the SAVE Act!"*
 - *"Don't dilute the citizen's vote! Stop illegal voting!"*
 - *"Tell [insert elected official's name] to vote for the SAVE Act!"*
- 3. Have one sign say something to this effect:** "We'll be here every Thursday at 5:30 pm – Come join us!" (Note: only create this sign if you are going to try to meet regularly. For instance, until the SAVE Act is passed and signed into law.)
- 4. Advertise your event.** Use your Facebook and other social media to let all of your activists and friends know about the event.
- 5. Invite the press.** Notify local press (TV, radio, and newspapers) that there will be a street rally on (for example) Thursday at 5:30 pm and invite them to attend.
- 6. On the day of the event,** send an email reminder to all of your group's members.
- 7. Take pictures!** Be sure to take pictures of your sign waving event. Email the pictures to us at photos@teapartypatriots.org and also be sure to post your pictures on your Facebook page and any other online forums that you use.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

*Thank
you!*

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WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT THEM!



Tea Party Patriots Action's mission is to equip Americans with the resources and training they need to be engaged citizens and effective activists. Our vision is for a nation where individual liberty is cherished and maximized, where the Constitution is revered and upheld, and where Americans are free to pursue their American Dream.



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