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I fully support this bill! In person voting with ID to prove you are a US citizen and authorized to vote in our elections would validate the legitimacy of our elections. There is a lot of evidence now that there has been rampant abuse in our elections, such as non-citizens voting, that needs to be stopped. The founding fathers and those that have fought for the freedoms we enjoy deserve our respect for their sacrifices, this is what a fair and free election provides. We owe it to our children and grandchildren to stand up for these folks that fought for us and our right to vote, our right as citizens participating in democracy within our constitutional republic. There is talk that this is discriminatory but is that really the case? Do adults really not have an Identification? Are there really that many that don't drive or work? You have to have an ID to drive. You have to have an ID to work. Even schools give out ID cards. When you do so many things you must show ID, when you get married, open a bank account, write a check, go to the Dr., purchase certain items such as alcohol, cigarettes, lottery tickets, when you fly on a plane, rent a home, purchase a home, the list goes on and on. This is not about people not having an ID or the ability to get one. There are some people that may need to vote by mail, like a military family on deployment, or a housebound senior, and they will still be able to be an exception. But when we vote, a privilege that many in this world do not enjoy, we should have to vote in person to validate who we are and prove that we are entitled to cast our ballot. When my children were small and when I voted in person they came with me. I wanted them to understand the privilege they had been given. When I had a friend on the other side of the aisle from me talk about not voting I told her she needed to vote, even if her vote was going to cancel mine out, it was our right that others had sacrificed dearly to give us. People have fought and died for our privilege. Let's make sure we don't waste that, let's be sure that everyone who votes is entitled to the right. The only way to do this is in person with ID presented as evidence that we are who we say we are and we are a citizen who is authorized to vote. Voting should be taken seriously and I SUPPORT in person voting, please pass this bill!