

I have been a proponent of voting in person, with Voter ID verified by citizenship, hand-counting and paper ballots for years, it is one of the reasons I left the state in 2004 and moved to the free-state of Montana. In Big Sky country we went in-person with a valid ID and voted on paper for whom we wanted to represent us. We had the freedom and choice to show up and be counted. Oregon does not have this right to choose, the leaders feel mail-in voting is sufficient, I say “it s not!” Give us this choice, my life, my choice. Right?

President Ronald Reagan said “Freedom is not free, it must be instilled in our youth, that you are only one generation from losing it and it must be fought for.” I am a US Navy service-connected paralyzed veteran who has given everything I can for my country. A country I love and will fight for. When I say fight, I do not mean on the battlefield, I mean in the “halls of government.” The place where laws and directives are handed down to the states, counties and cities of this great nation.

Oregon is such a beautiful state with nice people who care about their communities and the leadership that is elected to govern them. I would love the opportunity to vote in-person, with a paper ballot, hand-counted and proper ID that verifies I am a US citizen. It is not too much to ask for, it is something that I should have the right and freedom to do. Oregon does not give me this right and when it comes to elections, the system is not as accommodating as other states. Yes, I use a wheelchair and need to have appropriate access to a voting location, however this is 2025 and all public places where we would vote have to be ADA compliant. I am not worried about this one bit and look forward to being able to do it soon. This argument by some in the Democrat party does not “stand the test of time.”

I came to the realization that our state-wide election system is broken, when I noticed that the registered voters in the top 5 counties in Oregon, grew at double the rate than the census change. We use the census to help us understand the make up of our state. If every new resident was registered to vote, how did this happen? It began at the DMV and half of them were registered as NAV (non-affiliated voter) because they did not want to be a part of a political party. Half of the electorate in Oregon do not pick the candidate who will run in the general election, this is left up to the party voters.

In 2020 Joe Biden, the Democrat Presidential candidate received over 300,000 more votes than President Obama, never in our state history had this happened. The most Obama ever received was around 1 Million (both races) Hillary Clinton was about the same, however 4 years later Biden received a record 1.3 Million votes. This does not add up. It is not easy to understand, unless you look at how voter registration grew over those 4 years.

Our state's voter registration went from 2,174,763 in 2014 to 2,951,428 in 2020, a 26% increase with a net of 776,665. The census change from 2010 to 2020 was only 406,000, so where did the extra registered voters come from? Oregon election officials love to tout the voter turnout as an accomplishment. Oregon has historically turned out to vote in large numbers since 1960 when 86.5% of the registered voters turned out to vote. Oregon did not have mail-in voting then, it was in person, with ID and hand counted. Computers for voting had not been implemented in Oregon, the voters went to the polling place and voted. Oregonians have never turned out in this high of numbers since the 1960 election.

If Oregon voters were to look at the numbers, they may just see where the extra 300,000 votes in 2020 came from? In our elections, there is no verified ballot chain of custody. The state cannot guarantee that my vote is actually counted, and that non-citizens vote. The DMV has been caught fraudulently registering non-citizens to vote in Oregon, it has gotten so bad and caused Governor Kotek to halt the DMV motor voter registration process due to this, which triggered an audit.

As a PCP in Clackamas County, I went on the hunt and canvassed voters who were registered to vote, but do not vote vs those who were not registered. What I found was astonishing, most of the voters who were asked why they do not vote told me "I do not trust this voting system, it is a waste of my time and how do I know my vote counts?" I agree with them. It is a hard task to change the mindset of a registered voter who does not vote because they do not trust the system we use to vote in Oregon. In a 2022 canvas, a whopping 30% of the voters who were registered in the precinct were not there and most of them had never lived there. If they do not live at the address, then how are they voting? Why are they on the voter rolls as active voters? Something is very wrong with the election system in Oregon, and it needs to be changed. This bill will introduce choice and Democrats are all about choice.

At [citizenactionforce.org](https://citizenactionforce.org) we lobbied and were instrumental in the passage of the Federal SAVE Act. Last year the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States of America debated and then passed it. Senator Schumer blocked it from being read and debated on the Senate floor, this is why "elections matter and they have consequences." In Oregon, Senator Smith was blocked from having a version of the bill read on the floor, now that it has come to fruition, we urge Passage of it.

The SAVE Act is an Act of the People, by the People and for the People of these United States of America simply covered the following.

**Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act or the SAVE Act**

This bill requires individuals to provide documentary proof of U.S. citizenship in order to register to vote in federal elections. Specifically, the bill prohibits states from accepting and processing an application to register to vote in a federal election unless the applicant presents documentary proof of U.S. citizenship.

Further, the bill (1) prohibits states from registering an individual to vote in a federal election unless, at the time the individual applies to register to vote, the individual provides documentary proof of U.S. citizenship; and (2) requires states to establish an alternative process under which an applicant may submit other evidence to demonstrate U.S. citizenship.

Each state must take affirmative steps on an ongoing basis to ensure that only U.S. citizens are registered to vote, which shall include establishing a program to identify individuals who are not U.S. citizens using information supplied by specified sources.

Speaker Mike Johnson has stated *"This will be one of the most important votes that members of this chamber will ever take in their entire careers. And it's an issue we never thought we would have to actually address, but that moment has come to us now. Should Americans and Americans alone determine the outcome of American elections? Or should we allow foreigners and illegal aliens to decide who sits in the White House and in the People's House and in the Senate?"*

The states have been given the ability to conduct federal elections via the Constitution of the United States, however when they do not follow the guidelines and laws of the federal government when conducting an election by making sure the person they registered to vote is legitimate and does not cancel the vote of a citizen/resident who is legally verified; they have failed in their duty and the system they are using needs to be scrapped and a new one implemented. Additionally, the bill requires states to remove noncitizens from their official lists of eligible voters. Oregon has some of the dirtiest voter rolls in America and non-profits like ERIC do not need access to our voter rolls. Our state voter rolls need to be re-set and properly maintained by the county clerks, because they are the ones who should be registering voters.

We believe in the philosophy of H.E.A.T to every process, and legislative agenda in government. It must be Honest, Ethical, Accountable and Transparent. We are bringing the HEAT to Oregon politics and request that all elections in Oregon follow the HEAT guidelines.

President Trump has given a directive to the states, if Oregon does not follow the guidelines laid out in his Executive Order Preserving and Protecting American Elections, they will lose valuable federal dollars that are needed for schools, roads, security and human services.

This EO is laying the groundwork for a new SAVE Act to be passed by the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress and signed into law. The question everyone is asking “will Oregon comply?”

As a citizen of the United States of America and a resident of Oregon, I respectfully request that you openly debate and then pass SB210. Force the Democrats in the Oregon House to openly debate it and pass it. Put it on the desk of Governor Kotek, who needs to sign it into law, we cannot wait for a new ballot initiative, strike this part of the bill. Declare an Emergency and pass this into law.

Thank You  
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