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In September 2020, CNN obtained a Homeland Security Department intelligence bulletin asserting "Russia is likely to continue amplifying criticisms of vote-by-mail and shifting voting processes amidst the COVID-19 pandemic to undermine public trust in the electoral process."

Election expert Richard Hasen, a law professor at UCLA, wrote in a 2020 op-ed in the Washington Post: "While certain pockets of the country have seen their share of absentee-ballot scandals, problems are extremely rare in the five states that rely primarily on vote-by-mail, including the heavily Republican state of Utah."

In Oregon, which has extremely clean voter rolls, with accurate addresses, no deadwood on its rolls, a robust signature verification system, and ballot tracking, there is no evidence of voter fraud.

The Brennan Center's seminal report The Truth About Voter Fraud conclusively demonstrated that most allegations of fraud turn out to be baseless and that most of the few remaining allegations reveal irregularities and other forms of election misconduct. Numerous other studies, including one commissioned by the Trump administration, have reached the same conclusion.

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NALC statement on Executive Order limiting ballot access

NALC President Brian L. Renfroe issued the following statement regarding an Executive Order President Donald Trump signed yesterday:

This Executive Order is stacked with blatant lies to undermine the nation's free and fair election process by placing restrictions on voter access to the ballot box. Our country is stronger when more people participate in the democratic process, no matter how they choose to cast their ballots: early, in person on Election Day, or through mail-in ballots.

Letter carriers take pride in our work and have safely, securely and successfully delivered ballots since the Civil War. In the 2024 election, letter carriers delivered 99.22 million ballots to and from voters, tens of millions of which were cast for President Trump. In 2020 at the height of the COVID pandemic, as millions of Americans sheltered in place, letter carriers delivered a record-breaking 135 million ballots.

While this EO claims to be about "preserving" and "protecting" American elections, NALC sees this for what it is: a clear attack on voting rights that slams the safety and security of voting by mail.

NALC will not stand for any attempt to diminish Americans' accessibility to free and fair elections, and we will fight like hell to protect this right for the millions of Americans who rely on us.