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March 1, 2025

Honorable Salud Carbajal
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Washington, DC 20515
Email: Johanna.Montiel@mail.house.gov

Re: H.R.22 (Roy) SAVE Act) Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act- OPPOSE

Dear Congressman Carbajal,

The Santa Barbara Women’s Political Committee strongly opposes H.R.22, introduced in the House on 01/03/2025. This bill amends the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and seeks to require documentary proof of US citizenship to vote in federal elections. Rep. Roy’s office stated that millions of illegal aliens may have been given the opportunity to register to vote in federal elections despite experts stating that voter fraud by noncitizens is rare as noncitizens risk deportation and being permanently inadmissible for return to the U.S.

If passed, voters could no longer mail in a voter registration application. Voters must show their citizenship documents in person to register and provide updates. Even small changes such as moving to a different apartment or changing party affiliation are considered voter registration updates. Under the SAVE Act, Americans would have to go in person to their election office and present original or certified documentation to make any voter registration changes. In 2022, only 5.9%, or 1 million Americans registered or updated their voter registration in person. Under the SAVE Act, tens of millions would be waiting in lines in election offices every election cycle.

Documentary proof of citizenship for the majority would be a passport or a birth certificate. Government issued driver's licenses-including -REAL ID’s- as well as military or tribal ID’s do not satisfy the bill’s requirements as no state’s REAL ID indicates citizenship status. Approximately 146 million American citizens do not



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possess a valid passport. Additionally, 84% of women who marry change their surname, which results in approximately 69 million American women not having a birth certificate with their legal name on it. The SAVE Act makes no mention of being able to show a marriage certificate, a change-of-name documentation or what additional documents would be accepted.

Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee is firmly opposed to this bill due to the unnecessary barriers it would create for married, divorced women or any eligible voter who has changed their name for other personal reasons. It would eliminate voter registration drives and get-out-the-vote (GOTV) efforts would be upended. SBWPC is committed to taking action against discrimination based on gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age or ability.

We urge you to very strongly oppose this heinous voter suppression bill.

Sincerely,

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