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Dear Representative:

Campaign Legal Center (CLC) strongly urges you to vote NO on the Voter ID Act (H.R. 9368) during tomorrow's markup in the Committee on House Administration.

The right to vote is the cornerstone of American democracy, and Congress should be working to enhance—rather than restrict—access to the ballot for eligible voters. Unfortunately, this legislation would impose significant new barriers to participation, while failing to include meaningful safeguards to ensure voters who cannot meet the bill's strict requirements are still able to prove their eligibility and cast a ballot that counts.

First, the list of acceptable forms of identification in the *Voter ID Act* is unreasonably narrow—and significantly more restrictive than [almost every state voter ID law currently in place](#). The bill limits valid ID to a short list of documents, including driver's licenses, state ID cards, passports, military or VA IDs, and certain Tribal identification documents. Critically, it excludes widely used and reliable forms of identification such as student, employee, and public assistance IDs, even though young people and voters of color disproportionately rely on these documents and many states with voter ID requirements accept them.

Second, the bill's treatment of Tribal identification raises serious concerns. While Tribal IDs are included in the legislation, most Tribal IDs would not meet the bill's requirements because it mandates that such documents contain a photo and expiration date to be considered valid. However, because one's Tribal citizenship never "expires," [many Tribal IDs simply lack an expiration date](#). Similarly, many Tribal IDs also lack a photograph of the holder. This means that an eligible voter who relies on such ID would be unable to cast a ballot and have it counted. The bill thereby risks disenfranchising Native voters and fails to account for the diversity of Tribal identification practices.

Finally, the *Voter ID Act* fails to provide a meaningful affidavit or fail-safe voting process for eligible Americans who do not possess one of the bill's limited types of qualifying documentation. Although the legislation allows individuals without ID to cast a provisional ballot, it conditions the counting of that ballot on the voter returning within three days with qualifying identification or completing an affidavit limited solely to religious objections to being photographed. This narrow provision excludes the vast majority of [eligible voters who may lack ID for other common reasons](#)—such as cost, access, or administrative barriers—and therefore does not function as a true affidavit alternative. As a result, many otherwise eligible voters could be effectively disenfranchised.

In sum, the *Voter ID Act* combines overly strict identification requirements with inadequate fail-safe mechanisms. If enacted, it would result in many eligible voters being unable to cast a ballot that counts, infringing on Americans' freedom to vote and undermining the core principles of our democracy. For these reasons, Campaign Legal Center strongly urges every member of the Committee to reject this legislation.

Sincerely,

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