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Official Statement - The Conservative Caucus, DC Chapter on the SAVE America Act

This legislation would require proof of U.S. citizenship to register to vote in federal elections and require photo identification when casting a ballot. These are reasonable safeguards designed to strengthen public confidence in our electoral system.

As someone who registered voters for both the 2022 local elections and the 2024 general election in Washington, DC, I saw firsthand how voter roll inaccuracies and procedural irregularities undermine public trust.

Concerns about voter roll accuracy in the district are documented. In 2023, following a notice of violation from Judicial Watch under the National Voter Registration Act, the DC Board of Elections began removing approximately 103,000 ineligible names from its rolls. The Board acknowledged it had not conducted proper list maintenance for an extended period, citing data conversion problems and staffing shortages. At the time, analysis showed DC's voter registration rate exceeded 131% of its citizen voting-age population.

Importantly, non-citizen voting in federal elections is already illegal; however, it is not nonexistent. In a recent federal case, a Colombian national living in Massachusetts, Lina Maria Orovio-Hernandez, was convicted on multiple identity fraud charges, including illegally voting in the 2024 presidential election. Federal officials described the case as a documented example of non-citizen voting prosecuted at the highest level.

Requiring identification is not radical. Americans show ID to purchase alcohol, board a plane, rent an apartment, or open a bank account. Asking for photo ID to vote simply applies similar standards to the most fundamental civic act in our nation.

The SAVE America Act does not eliminate voting access. It reinforces eligibility verification and accountability, principles that protect lawful voters and strengthen confidence across party lines.

We urge the United States Senate to act swiftly to pass this legislation. Upholding election integrity and ensuring that only eligible American citizens decide the outcomes of federal elections should be a shared priority for every lawmaker.