

Testimony on HB 454

Government, Labor and Elections Committee

Election Law - Voter Registration Eligibility - U.S. Citizenship Verification (SAVE Our Elections Act of 2026)

Position: Unfavorable

My name is Julia Nichols, and as a citizen of St. Mary's County, I strongly urge the Committee to NOT to pass HB 454.

There is little to no evidence that non-citizens vote in US Elections, and certainly not at levels that would make any difference in the outcome of the election. The SAVE program is just another hurdle to make it more difficult for people to vote, especially disenfranchised people. States should run their own voting process, and in Maryland, we already require ample proof of citizenship, in my experience.

I strongly and respectfully urge an **unfavorable** vote on HB 454.