

[HB0454](#): Election Law - Voter Registration Eligibility - U.S. Citizenship Verification (**SAVE Our Elections Act of 2026**): Please advocate **TO SUPPORT** this bill.

Dear Government, Labor & Elections Committee:

I am writing to express my **strong support for HB 0454**, the **SAVE Our Elections Act of 2026**, which strengthens **U.S. citizenship verification for voter registration**.

Free and fair elections depend on **clear eligibility standards and public confidence in their enforcement**. **HB 0454** takes a measured, commonsense approach to ensuring that **only eligible U.S. citizens are registered to vote**, while preserving access for lawful voters and improving the accuracy of voter rolls. HB 0454 also includes an "... AN APPEAL PROCESS TO DISPUTE REPORTS OF THE SAVE PROGRAM THAT AN INDIVIDUAL LACKS U.S. CITIZENSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 3-603 OF THIS TITLE..."

This bill is **not** about **restricting participation**—it is about **protecting the integrity of the system**. Reliable citizenship verification reduces administrative errors, prevents inadvertent registrations, and helps election officials carry out their duties with **clarity, consistency, and confidence**. When rules are clear and verification is standardized, everyone benefits: voters, administrators, and the democratic process itself.

HB 0454 also **promotes uniformity and transparency**. By establishing clear verification requirements, the State provides guidance that supports local election officials and reduces the risk of uneven application across jurisdictions. **That consistency is essential to maintaining public trust** in election outcomes.

Marylanders deserve an election system that is **secure, accurate, and beyond reproach**. **HB 0454 strengthens those foundations** while respecting lawful voters and reinforcing confidence in our democratic institutions.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to **support HB 0454**.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,
Trudy Tibbals