

# The SAVE Act:

## Talking points

National Council of Jewish Women envisions an America where each of us is able to exercise the full spectrum of rights our citizenship affords. As Jewish advocates, we have a responsibility to pursue *tzedek*, or justice, above all else — and ensuring equal access to the ballot box is the foundation of a just democracy. Any version of the “Safeguard American Voter Eligibility” (SAVE) Act threatens our just democracy by putting up barriers for millions of eligible voters. **Congress must protect the sacred right to vote and oppose the SAVE Act in any form.**

### Background

- **The “Safeguard American Voter Eligibility” (SAVE) Act** requires voters to present proof of citizenship, such as a passport or birth certificate, when registering to vote. Lawmakers continue to bring forward the SAVE Act in different forms in both houses of Congress, and the administration has attempted to advance these policies through executive and regulatory action.
- These dangerous proposals perpetuate a false narrative that scores of noncitizens are voting in our elections, stoking anti-immigrant sentiment in order to put up barriers for millions of eligible voters to cast their ballot.
- This is an issue of racial and economic justice, gender equity, and systemic barriers to voting. Millions of Americans — especially younger voters, voters of color, the elderly, low-income individuals, and women — lack easy access to the documents required by the SAVE Act.

### Talking Points

- **If enacted, any version of the SAVE Act would prevent millions who lack the necessary documentation from registering to vote, effectively barring them from casting a ballot. These proposals disproportionately harm women.** Up to [69 million](#) married women do not have a birth certificate matching their legal name and [146 million](#) Americans lack a passport. Millions of women caught in between without either document would be unable to prove citizenship, barring them from registering to vote and voting altogether.
- As advocates for equity and justice, we have a duty to speak out against the SAVE Act’s threat to the voting rights of millions — women, low-income voters, LGBTQ+ voters, voters of color, older voters, and many others. Congress has an obligation to uphold our democracy by protecting the sacred right to vote for every American. ***Our leaders can take a stand against harmful attempts at large-scale voter suppression by voting NO on any version of the SAVE Act and by uplifting the broad spectrum of communities who will be harmed by this bill.***