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Wake County Republican Party
1401 Sunday Drive Suite 105
Raleigh NC 27607

Senator Thom Tillis
301 New Bern Ave, Suite 122
Raleigh NC 27601

SUBJECT: **The SAVE ACT**

Dear Senator Tillis,

As a representative of Republicans in Wake County, I wanted to share our support for the SAVE Act. We urge you to also support this commonsense solution at a time when it is needed to protect our next election. You may have several reasons for your reluctance to vote for the bill, but the citizens of North Carolina are counting on you to be a YES vote.

SAVE Act Provisions

H 22 addresses voter ID and proof of citizenship. North Carolina is fortunate to have ID in law and thank you for your leadership in passing the law. There have been communications that the SAVE Act restricts absentee by mail and early voting. That is not the case. See the attached summary of what is in the bill.

Federal vs State Solution

Proof of citizenship has become an issue with the massive number of illegal aliens who were allowed to enter our country. They have had a significant impact on the US which was caused by federal policies. The opportunity for large numbers of illegal aliens registering to vote must be prevented. The problem was created at the federal level and we believe it must be met with a robust solution at the federal level. In NC as you know, we rely on the honor system for an applicant to check a box that they are a citizen. We have experienced how systems across the country have relied on the "honor system" to access public benefits and how they have been violated. We have that very concern that the "honor system" can not be trusted to secure our voter rolls. A solution is needed NOW. Requiring proof of citizenship for new registrants is a commonsense solution at this critical time.

Proof of Citizenship

Polling by Gallop indicates that 83% of Americans want proof of citizenship for new registrations. We don't think that NC is any different. We passed a Constitutional Amendment in 2024 amending the state constitution to provide that **only U.S. citizens** who are 18 years old or older can vote in elections. This amendment has no teeth without requiring proof of citizenship. Citizenship is a requirement for eligibility. It is also a requirement for election integrity, so only citizens are voting.

The bill only affects new registrants and those who are not citizens.

Implementation

The state's election offices would be asking the applicant to provide voter ID and proof of citizenship at the time of registering new voters. In NC the number of new registrations was 5722 in the last year which were processed across 100 counties. These numbers appear manageable and would vary by state.

We know you have supported election integrity measures throughout your career and H 22 is what is needed at this time to prevent ineligible registrations. This could be one of your finest hours to support North Carolinians in the pursuit of free and fair elections. We humbly request your support of the SAVE Act, so it can take effect before the November elections. Any other time frame misses the mark.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandy Joiner", with a stylized, cursive script.

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