

March 18, 2026

Dear Senator,

We, the undersigned leading LGBTQI+ organizations from across the country, write to express our strong opposition to S. 1383, the latest version of the so-called SAVE Act, a blatant attempt to steal the fundamental right to vote from our communities.

The legitimacy of our democracy rests on ensuring that everyone who is entitled to vote has reasonable access to the ballot box—but this legislation would do precisely the opposite. Under the guise of addressing a non-existent voter fraud problem, this bill would create onerous restrictions relating to identity documents for a wide variety of people who are eligible to vote, particularly transgender people, intersex people, and married people who have changed their names. It would also disproportionately affect many other marginalized communities, especially communities of color, with burdensome requirements and financial obligations being imposed in order to regain ballot access. Simply put: this would establish a 21st century poll tax, and it cannot be allowed to move forward.

We've already seen the chaos, confusion, and harassment that comes with legislators banning certain forms of identification through recent changes in Kansas, which has now revoked state-sanctioned drivers licenses from more than 1,700 transgender Kansans without warning. A law like the SAVE Act would only further cause bureaucratic confusion and disenfranchise wide swaths of people. Indeed, that is the true impetus for this legislation: it is designed to put a thumb on the scales of the nation's elections, ensuring outcomes in the upcoming midterm elections that would be favorable to one party, at the expense of truly capturing the will of the people.

In addition, President Trump is demanding the addition of even more discriminatory provisions to this bill that would further harm the transgender and intersex community. Senate Republicans have indicated they will allow amendments on provisions that would restrict access to best practice gender-affirming care for trans youth and would impose a nationwide ban on sports participation for transgender and intersex people on teams conforming with their gender identity. This further escalates the administration's ongoing efforts to try to drive transgender people out of all facets of society, attempting to use the power of federal bureaucracy and legislation to do unspeakable harm to a small percentage of the population. It also continues this administration's obsession with targeting transgender people at every opportunity, prioritizing causing them further suffering over taking any action to address soaring health costs, inflation, rampant government corruption, and other concerns of the broader American public.

A government that is working for the good of its own people has no business contemplating steps such as these—this legislation would merely empower those who desire to predetermine the

outcomes of our elections, at the expense of everyone else. As such, we urge you to reject this bill.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jennifer Pike Bailey, Government Affairs Director of the Human Rights Campaign, at jennifer.bailey@hrc.org.

Sincerely,

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American Association of University Women (AAUW)
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Equality Illinois
Equality Ohio
Equality Texas
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Fenway Health
Georgia Equality
Human Rights Campaign
Immigration Equality Action Fund
interACT: Advocates for Intersex Youth
Lambda Legal
Los Angeles LGBT Center
Movement Advancement Project
National Center for LGBTQ Rights
National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund
National LGBTQ+ Bar Association
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