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Re*:* Opposition to SAVE Act, H.R. 22 / S. 128

Dear Representative Wied,

On behalf of the millions of American citizens living overseas, the Association of Americans Resident Overseas (AARO) strongly urges you to oppose the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act, H.R. 22 / S. 128.

AARO is an international, non-partisan, non-profit, volunteer association which seeks fair treatment for Americans abroad by advocating the issues that negatively affect their lives. AARO has served its members, and the wider community of Americans residing abroad, for 52 years.

The SAVE Act would effectively end mail voter registration; instead of simply mailing a form, most Americans would have to present documentary proof *in person* to a local election official every single time they register or re-register to vote. Although there are more than 7,500 local election offices across the United States, there are none overseas. Because it requires physical presence, the SAVE Act would upend or eliminate online voter registration.

The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) of 1986 protects the rights of American citizens living abroad to vote in our elections. For nearly 40 years, UOCAVA has required states and territories to allow eligible voters to register and request an absentee ballot using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA), which they submit by mail or, in some states, by fax or email, to their local election offices. Millions of American civilians and uniformed service members abroad have used these registration methods for decades.

These registrations would likely become impossible under the SAVE Act. Millions of Americans around the world, including your constituents, would effectively be disenfranchised.

Americans living overseas are citizens fiercely committed to American democracy. Yet the SAVE Act does not make possible, or even account for, our participation in American elections. Instead of making it easier for Americans to make their voices heard, or strengthening the security of our elections, the SAVE Act would decimate our members' ability to register and vote.

For these reasons, we urge you to oppose the SAVE Act.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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