

Action Alert

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Rally at the Capitol Bell Tower

No to Photo IDs for Voting!!!

Elected officials in Richmond are trying to pass legislation that will make it more difficult to vote in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

A pending bill, SB 1256, would require a photo ID at the polls and eliminate all forms of identification that do not contain a photograph of the voter from the list of forms of identification any one of which a voter must present in order to be allowed to vote.

Besides the huge cost to implement and maintain the new government program, photo ID requirements represent one of the most serious threats in decades to our efforts to ensure the right of every eligible citizen to vote and have their vote counted. As Americans we believe that all men and women are "created equal." If America wants to live up to its promise to provide all citizens with the same opportunities, then we can't pass laws that block eligible Americans from voting, and deny them the opportunity to participate equally in our great democracy.

Lastly, ID requirements disproportionately affect the elderly, young people, racial and ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities and the poor. Underlying costs to obtain a photo ID are hidden and significant barriers. Even when the ID itself is free, there are hidden costs, including transportation and fees related to acquiring supporting documents like birth certificates and marriage licenses.

Please rally with us TOMORROW, Tuesday, February 19 at 5:30 pm at the Capitol Bell Tower!!

The Bell Tower is located on the Capitol grounds between 9th and Franklin Street in Richmond.

Feel free to bring a sign, a friend, but most importantly your voice!!!