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U.S. Representative Jim Banks 1713 Longworth HOB Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Banks:

Americans for Limited Government strongly supports and urges passage of your legislation, H.R. 322, the Save Democracy Act, to guarantee election integrity by enforcing the one-person, one-vote principle, ensuring the legitimacy of our elected government and affirming the consent of the governed. It is consistent with Congress' Article I, Section 4 duties to issue regulations that ensure free and fair elections going forward that guarantee equal protection of the laws at the state level under the Fourteenth Amendment to explicitly prohibit certain arbitrary executive actions that might be taken at the state level, as occurred in the 2020 elections by governors and secretaries of state to change state election rules without any vote of the state legislatures.

H.R. 322 will prohibit automatic voter registration, prohibit non-citizen voter registration including closing the jury duty loophole, require a Social Security Number to register to vote, institute a national voter identification requirement, prohibit automatic distribution of non-requested mail-in absentee ballots, prohibit unsecured ballot drop boxes, restrict ballot harvesting and prohibit post-election voting. These requirements will remove the temptation to engage in mass cheating, and prevent governors from again changing rules in the middle of the campaign. In addition, H.R. 322 includes measures designed to ensure proper vote tabulation after voting closes. It would require states verify voter identification presented on Election Day with Social Security Numbers, guarantee election observers are allowed to examine ballots and require a mandatory state-level audit of election results.

In light of the extralegal 2020 changes to state election procedures, and as we learned in 2020, it must not be left up to courts to do the job of Congress and state legislatures, and where state rules fail, Congress must ensure that federal law is crystal clear about what is and is not allowed in elections for federal office including the House, Senate and the Presidency.

Sincerely,

Richard Manning President

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