

PRESERVING AND PROTECTING THE INTEGRITY OF AMERICAN ELECTIONS

Summary

OCC supports the implementation and enforcement of President Trump's above-titled executive order in Oregon.

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Without fair and accurate elections, our republic will not stand—this is the core truth inherent in every election integrity discussion. While the problems surrounding our elections in the recent past are many, one easily identifiable position is clear: Oregonians have the right to honest elections unspoiled by fraud and errors.

KEY TENETS

BACKGROUND

On March 25, 2025, President Trump signed an executive order (EO) requiring proof of citizenship, a uniform election day, clean voter rolls, increased system security, and prosecution of election fraud for all federal elections. OCC fully supports the implementation and enforcement of that order in Oregon, not only for Federal Elections, but for state elections.

On April 10, the U.S. House passed the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act, or SAVE Act, which now moves to the U.S. Senate. If the bill passes in the Senate, proof of citizenship will be required to vote in federal elections, which supports the President's EO.

The State of Oregon has filed suit against the Trump Administration, seeking to nullify that EO.

OCC strongly opposes all current and future litigative action initiated by the Oregon Governor's Office, Oregon Secretary of State's Office and the Oregon Office of Attorney General that seeks to block Trump Administration and congressional efforts to ensure that **only** those voters who possess the legal right to vote in Oregon can do so.

STATES' RIGHTS VS. FEDERAL RIGHTS

OCC acknowledges that the EO and SAVE Act affect federal elections, not state elections, and therefore in our view, do not infringe upon states' rights as defined in the Constitution. We are supportive of states' rights.

We agree that Oregon has the right to set the rules for state and local elections. We agree that legally, there may be two separate sets of rules in place: one for federal and one for state and local elections as in other states such as Arizona. However, we advocate for all rules to mirror the election integrity requirements set forth in the

EO. Additionally, we do not support our current mail-in ballot system or the current acceptance of ballots a week past the election date. Oregon does not utilize voting machines. Oregon does use tabulators; OCC supports their transparent and stringent credentialing.

OREGON FAILURES: SELF-ATTESTATION DOES NOT WORK, HUMAN ERRORS ARE MANY

In Oregon due to the flawed Motor Voter Act, which came into use in 2015, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) took a large role in managing voter registration. This system is fraught with errors. Now, Oregon Health Authority (OHA), a second Oregon agency whose core mission is completely unrelated to elections, also registers voters. Both agencies allow self-attestation of citizenship.

OCC believes the DMV, OHA, and any other state agency should have no role in registering voters; and that self-attestation of citizenship is unacceptable. Counties, working with the Secretary of State, should have sole control of voter registration.

To date, audits of the Oregon Secretary of State's Office show that over 1,800 foreign nationals have been illegally registered to vote in Oregon. Many local and state-level elections have been won or lost by only a few dozen votes.

Some OCC Directors have spoken to audiences in all 36 Oregon counties, often multiple times from 2021-2025. At every event without fail, at least one voter stated that they had been unregistered or reregistered to another party without their knowledge at the DMV. We believe thousands of Oregon voters have been disenfranchised by this deeply flawed system.

In summary: *Ease of voting must not be the primary focus of our system—accuracy must.*