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**NYPIRG STATEMENT ON THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES’
PASSAGE OF THE SAVE AMERICA ACT**

(*New York, N.Y.*) Yesterday evening, the United States House of Representatives voted to pass the SAVE America Act, an expanded version of the SAVE Act that passed the House last April. The legislation would require proof of citizenship for people to register to vote at a state level for federal elections and mandates that voters show a form of photo ID when voting on election day or when requesting a mail-in ballot. The SAVE America Act would disenfranchise millions of American voters who may not have the required form of documentation.

The following statement is attributable to Jana Bergere, Program Coordinator for NYPIRG:

“The SAVE American Act is based on the [false claim](#) that there is widespread voter fraud in the nation. [Report](#) after [report](#) have shown that is simply not true. In fact, leading [experts](#) have argued that the nation’s elections are secure. Requiring voters to jump through verification “hoops” does nothing more than deter citizens from voting during a time when increased voter turnout should be encouraged.

Americans live in a democracy. Casting their ballot should be secure and as easy as possible. The SAVE America Act does little more than suppress voter participation for the estimated 21 million Americans who may not have the documentation required; and it would disproportionately impact young people and people of color who are less likely to have the necessary forms of identification. The legislation bans college IDs as valid identification, which creates a direct and harmful barrier for student voters, many of whom lack any other form of identification. Here in New York – where voting is a constitutional right – we expect House members who supported this measure to provide verifiable proof that justifies their support.”