

From: Rob Wittman <Congressman.Wittman@mail.house.gov> To: Erika.Dyer@mail.house.gov Subject: WEEKLY POLL: Election Security Date: Mon, 01 Mar 2021 17:46:34 -0500 Newsletter | U.S. Congressman Rob Wittman Weekly Poll: Election Security Friend-- After both the 2016 and the 2020 elections, many of you expressed concerns about the safety and security of our elections. This week, The House of Representatives votes on a bill that would massively and fundamentally change the American electoral system: H.R. 1. At its core, H.R. 1 federalizes elections. Instead of states controlling their systems, a federal bureaucracy would manage our elections moving forward. Furthermore, H.R. 1 would funnel your hard-earned dollars to political campaigns to pay for attack ads, phone calls, and ads on social media for candidates you don't support. It creates a 6:1 government match to any small donor contributions of \$200 or less in a congressional or presidential campaign, meaning for every \$200, the federal government will match \$1,200 using corporate dollars. H.R. 1 also eliminates a seat on the independent Federal Election Commission (FEC), changing the makeup from six seats to five seats, creating a partisan majority. As a result, a partisan controlled FEC would enforce campaign finance law in every election in the United States. As if this were not problematic enough, HR 1 proposes even more controversial changes: H.R. 1 limits states from maintaining the integrity of voter rolls, preventing states from removing voters who have moved or passed away. H.R. 1 automatically registers 16- and 17-year olds to vote, despite the US voting age being 18. H.R. 1 makes permanent nationwide no-excuse mail-in voting, repeating the issues we saw in 2020. While massively expanding absentee voting, H.R. 1 simultaneously prohibits states from requiring absentee voters identify themselves. H.R. 1 requires states to allow ballot harvesting. To me, this bill seems like several steps in the wrong direction. But I want to hear from you: Do you support federalizing elections? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure/other Do you support giving a political party control of the Federal Elections Commission? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure/other Do you believe states should maintain their voting records as best they can? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure/other Do you want the federal government to automatically register 16 and 17-year olds to vote? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure/other Do you support no-excuse absentee voting without voter ID? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure/other Do you support requiring states to allow ballot harvesting? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure/other Do you support H.R. 1? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure/other ☐ Other comments Thank you for taking the time to let me know your thoughts. Check back next Monday for the next weekly poll! Sincerely, Rob

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