



# NEWSLETTER

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**WELCOME to Indivisible Scarborough!** We are part of a national, non-violent, grassroots movement of thousands of local Indivisible groups with a mission to elect progressive leaders, rebuild our democracy and defeat the Trump agenda. We:

- Participate in rallies in opposition to the awfulness going on in our country right now.
- Write letters, postcards and emails to our Federal, state and local elected officials supporting legislation that meets our goals and opposing legislation that does not.
- Support candidates at all levels of government who share our values.
- Write letters-to-the-editor.

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**We now have a website!** Up-to-the minute information, including a complete calendar of events!

[Check out our Website](#)

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**SUPPORT Indivisible Scarborough!** You can donate quickly & easily to support the work of Indivisible Scarborough. Your donation helps with expenses for our poster-making, meeting costs, speakers, get-out-the-vote activities, and more. Please check out our Indivisible Scarborough donation page at ActBlue, where you can donate safely & privately!

[Donate to Indivisible Scarborough](#)

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## Protecting our Elections for the Midterms in November

The Trump Administration is determined to tilt the November midterm elections in their favor by promoting the SAVE Act (Trump says, if passed, it would preserve a Republican majority), threatening to deploy US military troops to polling sites, and more. Much of it is illegal, unconstitutional, or both. Indivisible Scarborough will be working with many other Indivisible groups here in Maine and across the country to protect our sacred right to free, fair, and safe elections in which all eligible people can vote. We are working with The League of Women Voters of Maine to have them present to Indivisible Scarborough at a monthly meeting in the near future.

Here's what YOU can do RIGHT NOW:

- 1. Read Senator Angus King's magnificent editorial in the Bangor Daily News called "The Voter Fraud Fraud."** A complete copy is attached to the end of this Newsletter. It shows that "voter fraud" is NOT a problem in America, and details how the SAVE America Act that seeks to prevent such "fraud" will in fact disenfranchise over 20 million legal voters. A brief excerpt:

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- 2. Call Senator Collins (to oppose her support of the SAVE America Act) and Senator King (to applaud his opposition).** A call — followed by an email — is the best approach.

**Contact info for Senator Collins:**

<https://www.collins.senate.gov/contact>

**Contact Info for Senator King:**

<https://www.king.senate.gov/contact/office-locations> , <https://www.king.senate.gov/contact>

**If you prefer, you can also use 5 Calls, that provides scripts and phone numbers:**

[https://5calls.org/?utm\\_source=5calls&utm\\_medium=email](https://5calls.org/?utm_source=5calls&utm_medium=email)

**3. Check out the Democracy Maine’s excellent report on the State of Democracy in Maine.** Democracy Maine is a collaboration of The League of Women Voters of Maine, Maine Citizens for Clean Elections, and Maine Students Vote. We can be quite proud of the state of democracy in Maine – and it is well worth protecting. Find the report summary [here](#). An excerpt:

“Maine leads the nation in protecting voting rights with same-day registration, no photo identification requirement, and no felony disenfranchisement (for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people). Full implementation of automatic voter registration in 2022 and online voter registration in 2024 are removing further barriers to voter registration and participation. Some of these measures are threatened by pending state and federal action.”

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**SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING IMMIGRANTS: “Nobody can do everything, but everybody can do something to support our immigrant neighbors”.**

In addition to supporting Indivisible Scarborough, people have asked where they might volunteer or donate in support of recent immigrants, “New Mainers”. These organizations were recommended to us by those close to the front lines of immigrant support. In alphabetical order:

**Greater Portland Family Promise** (Volunteer, donate money)

<https://www.gpfamilypromise.org/>

**Hope Acts** (Volunteer, donate money)

<https://hopeacts.org>

**Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project** (Donate money)

<https://ilapmaine.org>

**Maine Equal Justice** (Donate money)

<https://maineequaljustice.org>

**Maine Solidarity Fund** (Donate money)

<https://www.mainesolidarity.org>

**Mainers for Humane Immigration** (Volunteer, donate money)

<https://www.mainersforhumaneimmigration.org>

**Project Home** (Donate money)

<https://www.projecthomemaine.org>

**South Portland Food Cupboard** (Volunteer, donate money, donate food)

<https://www.southportlandfoodcupboard.org>

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**NO KINGS Rallies, Saturday, 3/28!**

We're working to make the over 3,000 NO KINGS Rallies nationwide be the biggest demonstration in the history of our country, and turnout 12 MILLION people! Below are the 2 closest rallies to us, but even if you are travelling, there is bound to be a NO KINGS Rally near you! Find a rally where you travel [here](#). All rallies are PEACEFUL and JOYOUS. Carpool & BYO signs if possible. The best signs invite people to change their minds, not just express anger.

- **Indivisible South Portland NO KINGS Rally – Saturday, 3/28, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM** --The closest and easiest access NO KINGS Rally in our area, especially for people with walkers or wheelchairs. Their NO KINGS Rally will be at Erskine Park, Broadway @ Waterman in South Portland, at the traffic light nearest the Casco Bay Bridge. Park FREE near Dunkin or Starbucks or in shopping center behind. RSVP [here](#). **(Note: the RSVP site and several others say time is 10:00 to Noon. That is INCORRECT. Timing is 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM)**
- **Greater Portland NO KINGS Rally – Saturday, 3/28, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM** -- The largest rally in our area. Their NO KINGS Rally is at Monument Square, Congress Street @ Preble Street in Portland. Parking can be a challenge and is expensive! RSVP [here](#).

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## COMING UP

- **Steering Committee Meetings** – The Indivisible Scarborough Steering Committee meets several times per month. Members are welcome to join us and add your thoughts to our discussions and decisions.
- **Monthly Meetings, Wednesday, April 15, 3:00 PM.** Educational information for all of us as we work to protect our democracy. Details coming...

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## OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

- **Know Your Rights** – ACLU of Maine has excellent material on everyone’s rights in almost every situation. Check it out [here](#).
- **Sources you might find helpful**
  - Heather Cox Richardson (daily newsletter) – [Subscribe here](#)
  - Joyce Vance (former prosecutor, legal analysis) [Subscribe here](#)
  - Chop Wood, Carry Water, (actions today) – [Subscribe here](#)
  - 5 Calls (actions today) – [Subscribe here](#)
  - Activate Maine (events you can sign onto) – [Link here](#)

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# Bangor Daily News

*The voter fraud fraud*

*by Angus King, U.S. Senator*

*Angus King represents Maine in the U.S. Senate.*

During his [State of the Union address](#) on Feb. 24, President Donald Trump asked Congress to “stop illegal aliens and others who are unpermitted persons from voting

in our sacred American elections. The cheating is rampant in our elections. It's rampant."

The accusation that there is rampant cheating in our election is dramatic, alarming, and oft-repeated. It is also [totally false](#).

After years of audits, recounts, lawsuits, academic studies, and investigations across red states and blue states alike, there is absolutely no evidence — zero — that substantial, outcome-changing voter fraud is present in American elections. There simply isn't proof.

It turns out that the real fraud is not at the ballot box; it's claims like the one the president made as he addressed a joint session of Congress.

The president made this fraudulent statement for a reason. Both he and his Republican allies in Congress are trying to advance the [SAVE America Act](#), which they have breathlessly touted as necessary to protect our elections from "rampant" fraud. But the bill, which would place excessive new ID requirements for voting — in the process effectively disenfranchising many lawful voters — is based upon the entirely phony premise that there is a massive fraud problem to be fixed.

Every study, every lawsuit, every audit, every recount has reached the same conclusion: You are about 13,000 times more likely to be struck by lightning than to find a fraudulent vote by an undocumented immigrant.

Last year, for example, the right-leaning Heritage Foundation [updated its database](#) of voter fraud by state between 1982 and 2025. After laboring mightily, they pinpointed 1,620 cases in the entire country during the last 44 years out of a total of more than 2 billion votes cast. And how many of those cases involved undocumented immigrants trying to vote? Ninety-nine. You read that right, 99 out of 2 billion. (Those odds — 99/2,000,000,000 — are three orders of magnitude longer than the National Weather Service's estimated [1/15,300 odds](#) of being struck by lightning at some point during an 80-year lifespan.)

Let's look at my state of Maine. We have Election Day registration, no voter ID, no-excuse absentee voting, voting by mail, and dropboxes — in other words, all the voter fraud bogeymen. The Heritage study found two cases of confirmed voter fraud there in the past 44 years, neither of which involved illegal immigrants. Give me a break!

The phrase "rampant voter fraud" suggests something widespread, systemic, decisive. Yet every serious investigation into this claim has come up empty. Courts have dismissed sweeping allegations for lack of evidence. ( [Trump was one for 62 in lawsuits](#) alleging voting irregularities in the 2020 election.) Recounts have confirmed results with only minor numerical adjustments. Post-election audits consistently show extremely high accuracy rates. Republican secretaries of state,

Democratic governors, and federal judges appointed by presidents of both parties have all acknowledged the same reality: There is no evidence of significant, coordinated voter fraud sufficient to alter election outcomes.

But the drumbeat continues and plenty of people seem to be marching to it.

If you convince people that the system is rotten, you do not need to prove it. Repetition can substitute for evidence. Suspicion can substitute for fact. The more frequently a claim is made, the more normal it sounds.

But here is the real danger: Democracy depends not only on secure systems, but on public trust in those systems. When leaders and commentators repeatedly claim elections are “rigged” without substantiation, they chip away at that trust. Citizens begin to believe their votes do not matter. Election workers—ordinary people volunteering long hours — face harassment and threats. Peaceful transitions of power become contested spectacles. The damage is not theoretical. It is real and measurable. We saw it on Jan. 6, 2021.

Fraud is deception for gain. What do we call it when the public is told, again and again, that their elections are corrupt, despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary? What do we call it when isolated irregularities are inflated into sweeping indictments of the entire system? When normal human error is presented as proof of conspiracy?

We should call this “voter fraud fraud” what it is: a massive effort to mislead the people in order to justify taking over our elections and manipulating the results.

The SAVE America Act is [a solution in search of a problem](#). Instead of fixing the nonexistent problem of “rampant voter fraud,” it would create real-life barriers to everyday Americans trying to exercise one of their most fundamental rights as an American citizen: the right to vote.

The bill would require American citizens to show documents like passports or birth certificates to prove their citizenship to register to vote. Other forms of identification, including the REAL ID, wouldn’t be good enough. These same documents would need to be shown anytime you update your voter registration, such as when you move and change your address, or even when you do something as simple as changing your party affiliation. [Over 21 million eligible voters](#) lack access to the necessary documents to comply with these requirements. Obtaining these documents costs time — often during working hours — and money, so the SAVE America Act would effectively create a poll tax for tens of millions of Americans.

The bill will also create unnecessary barriers for people who have changed their name. Let’s take one particular American voter, for example: our vice president, JD Vance. Vice President Vance was born James Donald Bowman and later [changed his name](#) on his birth certificate to James David Hamel after he was adopted by his

stepfather. He again changed his last name to honor his grandmother, who raised him, in 2013. If JD Vance were one of millions of regular American citizens without access to a passport, the SAVE America Act would make it harder for him to prove his citizenship with documents with mismatched names, and make it that much harder for him to register to vote.

Equally problematic, the SAVE America Act would place a massive burden on state and local election officials — many of whom are volunteers trying to serve their community — and impose complicated legal risks. For example, the bill would establish criminal penalties against any election official who registers an applicant who fails to provide the right documentation to prove citizenship. These criminal penalties apply even if the individual is actually an American citizen and the official just makes a clerical error on their paperwork.

I worry that this will discourage public-spirited citizens from volunteering to serve at the polls and that it will result in citizens being denied voter registration and, ultimately, their right to vote, because local officials would live in fear of running afoul of these burdensome provisions.

As if all of that weren't reason enough to oppose the bill, the SAVE America Act would also severely restrict vote by mail, which would have an outsized impact on rural voters. It also requires states to turn over their voter rolls to the Department of Homeland Security to run through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program, a program that was rebuilt by DOGE and has already misidentified American citizens as being ineligible to vote. I am worried that DHS will use this opportunity to purge state voter rolls, even further limiting who is able to vote.

The SAVE America Act would be, in short, not just a disaster but a direct assault on one of America's most sacred principles.

For more than two centuries, the United States has conducted elections during wars, depressions, social upheavals, pandemics, and times of intense partisan division. Power has changed hands peacefully between bitter rivals. Razor-thin margins have been recounted, litigated, and resolved within constitutional boundaries. That record does not reflect a fragile sham. It reflects a resilient framework that has endured precisely because it is structured with safeguards. And one of the primary safeguards is the decentralization of the system itself, its management at the local level. The president's plan to "nationalize" our elections would sweep this all away.

To declare elections illegitimate without compelling evidence is not a defense of democracy — it is an assault on it.

Confidence in elections should be built on facts, not fueled by fear. Citizens deserve honesty about both the strengths and limits of the system. They deserve to know

that while no system is flawless, there is no evidence to support the claim that ours is filled with rampant fraud.

The health of a democracy rests on a shared commitment to reality. And the reality here could not be clearer. Substantial voter fraud is not a significant feature of American elections. The far more dangerous threat today is the repeated assertion that it is.

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