

October 21, 2019

Dear Representative,

On behalf of Common Cause's 1.2 million members and 30 state chapters, we write in strong support of the Stopping Harmful Interference in Elections for a Lasting Democracy (SHIELD) Act, HR 4617, which is expected to be voted on by the full House of Representatives later this week. **Common Cause plans to key-vote final passage of the SHIELD Act in our 2020 [Democracy Scorecard](#), and we strongly encourage a "yes" vote.**

Despite that the Trump administration has continued to encourage and solicit hostile foreign actors to disrupt U.S. elections, it is un-American for any president, public official, or candidate to pressure foreign governments to undermine our elections for political gain. Russia and other hostile foreign entities continue to try to infiltrate our elections, and we must do everything we can to protect our democracy against future attacks. The SHIELD Act is critical legislation to help ensure foreign nationals and foreign governments cannot continue to interfere in U.S. elections. The bill takes key steps to make our election infrastructure resilient in the face of the ongoing attacks. The SHIELD Act would put an immediate end to this meddling and help reclaim the sovereignty of our elections.

Thank you for supporting this critical legislation when it comes for a floor vote later this week.

Sincerely,



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President
Common Cause

Since 1970, [Common Cause](#) has been working to hold power accountable through lobbying, litigation, and organizing. Our non-partisan, pro-democracy work has helped pass hundreds of reforms at the federal, state, and local levels. We now have 30 state chapters and more than 1.2 million members around the country who are working to strengthen our democracy.