

S-3143 Written Testimony

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To Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

My name is Maia Brumberg-Kraus. I am a resident of Providence, and a retired classroom teacher. I am writing in support of the Voting Rights Act, S3143. It is clear that President Trump and his lackeys in Congress are doing everything possible to limit access to our basic American right to vote for our governmental officials. For instance, many women will face an onerous process if they need to get documentation proving that their married names were changed from their birth certificates.

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I was born and raised in Washington, D.C. and I can tell you first-hand what it is like to live in a city deprived of its basic voting rights and therefore, basic democratic rights to elect our leaders. To counter our lack of parental role models for vote, my sixth grade teacher took our class on a field trip to Maryland so that we could watch him vote. It made a strong impression on me. What would have happened if we had all shown up only to see him turned away because he didn't have the right documentation?

I urge you to support S 3143.

Sincerely,

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