



## **Voting Rights Groups Urge Florida Gov. DeSantis to Veto Latest Anti-Voter Legislation**

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**TALLAHASSEE — A coalition of voting rights groups today urged Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis to veto Senate Bill 524, which would have widespread consequences on elections in the state. The Florida Legislature recently passed the bill that, among other things, would create an Office of Election Crimes and Security and raise the cap of aggregate annual fines on third-party groups that register voters to \$50,000.**

**In their letter sent to Gov. DeSantis, the groups warn that these plans to increase fines against any organizations that register voters and to create an office investigating unfounded claims of election crimes would deter voters from participating in elections. An election crimes**

**office, in particular, would perpetuate constant lies about election results and would potentially be used to intimidate voters through the use of law enforcement.**

**“Voters must have trust in elections. As you have acknowledged, Florida elections are safe and secure. Election officials and the Florida Secretary of State agree. The provisions in this bill undermine our democracy and are unnecessary. On behalf of Florida citizens, we ask that you stand up for free, fair, and accessible elections and veto SB 524,” the groups wrote.**

**The full letter can be found here and was signed by the following organizations:**

**[SB 524 document](#)**

**ACLU of Florida**

**Advancement Project**

**AFL-CIO Florida**

**All Voting is Local**

**Alianza for Progress**

**Bend The Arc, South Florida**

**Black Voters Matter**

**Campaign Legal Center**

**Chispa Florida**

**Common Cause Florida**

**Democracy For All**

**Disability Rights Florida**

**Equal Ground Action Fund**

**Faith in Florida**

**Florida Alliance for Retired Americans**

**Florida Center for Fiscal and Economic Policy**

**Florida Conservation Voters**

**Florida Immigrant Coalition**

**Florida Rising**

**Hispanic Federation**

**Hope Community Center**

**League of Women Voters**

**Legal Defense Fund**

**NAACP Florida State Conference**

**Mi Familia Vota**

**National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum**

**PoderLatinX**

**Progress FL**

**SEIU FL**

**State Voices FL**

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