

This Friday, May 1, we'll be tabling at [NH 50501's Workers Over Billionaires May Day Rally](#). This event serves as a powerful reminder that the fight for a fair and accountable democracy—just like Granny D stood (and walked miles and miles for!)—continues today.

Be sure to stop by our table to chat about the latest changes to New Hampshire's voting laws and make sure you're registered—and ready to help others in your community get registered too. 📦 You can also grab some of our [new student voter guide pamphlets](#), packed with key info for high school seniors and college students on what documents to gather over the summer before heading back to school. ☀️🎓

🎉 **And celebrate this:** [the SAVE America Act has failed to move forward in the US Senate!](#) This is a major win for voters nationwide.

Open Democracy Actions! ⬇️

The following actions, along with additional resources, can also be found on our website [HERE](#). We also host **volunteer meetings twice a week** (our ODA Teams!)



where we discuss these efforts, share updates, and strategize together in real time. Feel free to drop in when you can or come every week—sign up [HERE](#) to join the team and receive the Zoom link!

Follow us on social media for updates, educational posts, and more! 📱

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TLDR Actions for April 20-24 📢

1. **Write a letter/LTE to Secretary Scanlan encouraging expanded voter education efforts using additional HAVA funds.** 📝
2. **Amplify our social media post calling for expanded voter education efforts.** 📱 [Facebook](#) / [Instagram](#) / [Twitter](#) / [Bluesky](#)
3. **Help us organize another [High School Voter](#)**

Registration Drive! 🎓

1. Push for Expanded Voter Education: Write a Letter to Secretary Scanlan 📧

HB 1601 would have required the Secretary of State to create a voter education program including information on recent changes to voting laws. It would have built on current efforts by allocating \$50,000 in existing [Help America Vote Act \(HAVA\)](#) funds—***a small portion of the roughly \$13 million still available***—to expand and modernize voter education.

Voting laws in New Hampshire have changed *a lot* over the past few years—[and voters who can't keep up are paying the price](#). **Since HB 1569 took effect on November 11, 2024, at least 319 Granite Staters have been turned away from the polls**—not because they weren't eligible, but because they lacked the required paperwork. 🙅

Even one voter turned away should raise alarm bells. At 319, it's clear we shouldn't be turning down available HAVA funds for voter education.

Senate Election Law committee members had been waiting to receive an outline of the Secretary of State's current voter education plan before making their decision. **When shared, Chairman Gray noted the plan was just a**

page and a quarter, double-spaced.

Despite this, the committee made a disappointing decision on HB 1601 this past Tuesday (4/21), voting to send it to interim study—[often a polite way to kill the bill.](#)

➡ **Write to the Secretary of State urging stronger, more comprehensive voter education efforts.**

- 👉 [Talking points](#)
- ✉️ **Mailing Address:**
 - Secretary of State
State House, Room 204
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301
- ✉️ **Email:** David.Scanlan@sos.nh.gov

➡ **Turn your message into a Letter to the Editor (LTE) or Op-Ed to amplify your impact statewide.**

- 👉 **Find LTE submission guidelines [HERE](#).** Many legislators will read their local papers, so LTEs are a great way to reach them. Best practices for LTEs include keeping them on one topic and relatively short while making a complete and compelling argument. Please do not hesitate to [email Kaylie](#) for assistance with editing, submission, or any other

questions!

2. Amplify the Voter Ed Issue: Repost/Share our Latest Post 📱

Help spread the word by sharing our latest social media post, which walks viewers through the issue and includes videos from the public hearing and executive session.

The more people who see what's happening in Concord and hear directly from decision-makers, the stronger the push for better voter education will be.

➡ View our post on [Facebook](#) / [Instagram](#) / [Twitter](#) / [Bluesky](#)

3. Spring 🌸 Into Fall 🍁: Help Organize a High School Voter Registration Drive

Through our [High School Voter Registration \(HSVR\) initiative](#), we're working across New Hampshire to ensure eligible students are registered and ready to vote before they graduate. Students, teachers, and volunteers (just like you!) are already stepping up to help plan spring drives for the **Class of 2026**. 🎓



So far this season, we've **partnered with 19 schools** to plan voter registration drives—**already surpassing the total number participating in all of 2025, and with more joining each week.** Check out this snapshot from our event at New Hampton School earlier this week!

This momentum shows just how eager communities across New Hampshire are to ensure students are prepared to participate in our democracy before they graduate. This volunteer opportunity a great fit for everyone—students, teachers, and members of the community! 📦



➡ [Reach out to Sam today to learn how you can help organize a voter registration drive at your local high school!](#) 🏫

As always, thank you for staying engaged and energized week after week. **Taking just one intentional action can make a world of difference.** 🌍

We'll continue tracking hearings, votes, and advocacy opportunities closely and will be back in your inbox next Friday with clear ways to weigh in as bills advance.

Together, we can push back against harmful legislation and advance real solutions that protect and strengthen democracy in New Hampshire. We're grateful to be in this work with you.

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