



Your Fraudulent Vote Counts

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Give it to ABC News host
Jonathan Karl!

On *This Week* [Without](#) George Stephanopoulos, Karl [asked](#) U.S. Senator Mark Warner of Virginia not about the entirety of the SAVE Act but “very narrowly” about photo ID to vote, which Americans of both parties strongly favor.

“You know what?” the senator responded. “In Virginia, we have voter I.D. and photo I.D.”

“That’s actually not the case,” Karl corrected. “I mean, I’m a Virginia voter. You don’t need to show a photo I.D. in Virginia. There are a wide range of things you can show for I.D., and if you don’t show one of those, you can sign an affidavit, saying —”

“You can sign an affidavit,” Warner [repeated](#). “Those become ballots that, if you want to contest later, can be

contested. But . . . we have voter I.D. of one form or another.”*

My senator is mistaken. Those ballots cannot later be contested; they count. Even if you prosecute folks for fraudulently signing the form, their ballots would still not be identifiable . . . and therefore, not contestable.

While it is a felony to falsely sign the ID Confirmation Statement, there is no one checking.

The same process exists in Michigan, where I'm involved in a ballot [initiative](#) to require voter ID. The question "Do I need an ID?" is posed for voters at the Michigan Secretary of State's website.

“You will be asked to show ID when you check in to vote,” [explains](#) the SOS, adding in bold type: “If you don’t have one, you can still vote.”

“If this happens, expect a poll worker to ask you to sign a form before you vote that explains you didn’t have an ID. Your ballot will be included with all others and counted.”

How “political”: a Voter ID requirement that doesn’t require ID.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.

* Fox News reports that per ID in Virginia “acceptable forms include voter confirmation documents, utility bills, bank statements, government checks and paychecks, which do not need to include a photograph. A voter without acceptable identification can sign an ID Confirmation Statement under felony penalties and cast a regular ballot.” The story helpfully provides a [link](#) to the Virginia statute in question.