



Committee on House Administration Republicans have fought tirelessly throughout the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress to raise awareness of the greatest threat to ballot integrity in this country: ballot harvesting. Below is a timeline that highlights those efforts:

- Jan. 4, 2019: Ranking Member Davis sends letter to Subcommittee Chair Marcia Fudge requesting that the work of the Subcommittee on Elections be focused on “identifying the real problems facing our elections systems such as lack of safeguards states have in place as it relates to non-traditional voting.” This request was ignored over the course of the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress.
- Feb. 26, 2019 At H.R. 1 markup, Committee Democrats reject an amendment offered by Rep. Mark Walker that would have prohibited ballot harvesting.
- Feb. 28, 2019 At Rules Committee meeting for H.R. 1, Democrats again reject an amendment offered by six Republican members from California that would have prohibited ballot harvesting.
- Jun. 21, 2019 At SAFE Act markup, Committee Democrats again vote down Rep. Walker’s amendment that would have prohibited ballot harvesting.
- Jun. 24, 2019 At Rules Committee hearing for SAFE Act, Committee Democrats reject two separate ballot harvesting amendments; one that would have prohibited the practice, and another that would have simply limited the number of harvested ballots allowed.
- Oct. 18, 2019 Ranking Member Davis introduces the Honest Elections Act, which includes a provision that would prohibit election funds from the EAC going to any state that allows ballot harvesting. This bill has yet to receive a markup, or a hearing.
- Nov. 1, 2019 Ranking Member Davis sends a letter to every California Registrar asking questions about how harvested ballots will be administered; e.g., if a documented chain-of-custody is required.
- Nov. 8, 2019 Ranking Member Davis receives a letter from CA Secretary of State Alex Padilla in response to the registrar letters, but Sec. Padilla does not address ballot harvesting.
- Nov./Dec. 2019 Ranking Member Davis receives responses from CA registrars, many of them enclosing Sec. Padilla’s letter. No letter indicates that safeguards are in place to prevent against ballot harvesting fraud.
- Jan. 15, 2020 Ranking Member Davis responds to Sec. Padilla requesting a meeting to further discuss ballot harvesting. Sec. Padilla does not respond.
- Mar. 3, 2020 The Committee sends staff to observe the CA primary election. Staff conclude that California’s implementation of ballot harvesting lacks security measures to adequately prevent against fraud.
- Mar. 23, 2020 In response to the coronavirus pandemic, Speaker Pelosi introduces legislation, the Take Responsibility for Workers and Families Act, that would require ballot harvesting in every state.
- May 12, 2020 After the Take Responsibility Act was pulled from the floor, Speaker Pelosi unveiled another bill in response to the Coronavirus, the HEROES Act, that would again require ballot harvesting in every state.