

The State of Ohio can also do better. Ohio must add more drop boxes for voting, provide universal prepaid postage, and simplify the ballot request process.

While Republican leaders in Columbus and in Washington have wrapped themselves in knots, yesterday, I led an Ohio delegation letter urging Ohio higher educational institutions proactively educate students, faculty, and staff about how to ensure their voice is heard at the ballot box.

I include in the RECORD our September 22, 2020, letter.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

*Washington, DC, September 22, 2020.*

DEAR OHIO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS: As our State continues to grapple with the challenges presented by COVID-19, our nation is relying on Ohio's colleges and universities to take a leadership role in ensuring access to the ballot box. This duty is particularly important as we commemorate national voter registration day on September 22, 2020. Your institutions play a key role in ensuring that students understand how to access and exercise their constitutionally enshrined right to vote. Under normal circumstances, students face barriers to voting, and in these difficult times, those barriers have multiplied. We ask that each of you to take steps to ensure your institution commits to easing barriers for your faculty, students and staff to vote.

As we know, the 1965 Higher Education Act (HEA) helped increase access to higher education for low-income and first-generation college students. In 1998, recognizing the importance of involving younger generations in the democratic process, Congress expanded the scope of the act to include provisions on student voting. Section 487(a)(23) of the HEA as reauthorized in 1998 specified that institutions must make a good faith effort to facilitate student voter registration. This reinforced vital role institutions of higher education play in educating and encouraging students to vote.

Your institutions have the opportunity to play an essential role in ensuring that young Americans participate in our democracy by taking simple steps such as designating places where students can complete voter registration forms or absentee ballot requests. Colleges can text students where these one-stop election stations are located and can e-mail students a voter registration link.

Institutions should share broad voter education information about how to vote, including the following:

- Communicate to your students to ensure they are registered to vote and that their registration information is up to date.

- Explain Ohio's voter ID requirements directly to students and staff with emails, posters or mailers. Students driver's license may be expired this year, but the Ohio legislature authorized individuals to vote with an expired license, which students, faculty and staff may not know.

- Clarify that if a student's current address varies from where they registered when they go to vote, they can vote absentee, with the mailer sent to another address, or they can vote provisionally if they can prove their address.

- Be prepared to educate students on how to vote by mail or vote provisionally in the event that campuses close due to the pandemic.

- Make clear to students that where you register to vote will not affect federal financial aid such as Pell Grants, Perkins or Stafford loans, or your dependency status for FAFSA; being registered to vote at a different address from your parents does not prevent them from claiming you as a dependent on their taxes; and being deemed out-of-state for tuition purposes does not prevent you from choosing to register to vote in your campus community.

- Provide faculty, staff, and students with information about how to volunteer as poll workers.

Students, faculty and staff at your institutions need the type of nonpartisan voter information described in this letter. In a time where voter disinformation is rampant, your colleges and universities have not only a legal obligation, but also a moral obligation to make your campuses an example of democratic participation. Thank you for your leadership and for taking every step possible to ease the barriers of voting for eligible voters on your campuses.

Sincerely,

MARCY KAPTUR,  
*Member of Congress.*

MARCIA L. FUDGE,  
*Member of Congress.*

JOYCE BEATTY,  
*Member of Congress.*

SHERROD BROWN,  
*United States Senator.*

TIM RYAN,  
*Member of Congress.*

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 30

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine NASA missions and programs, focusing on update and future plans.

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Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Crossfire Hurricane Investigation.

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9:15 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold hearings to examine supply chain integrity.

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