

FULLY FUND THE CONNECTICUT VRA

\$1.4 million each year to the Secretary of the State

The Connecticut Voting Rights Act (CTVRA) is the nation's most comprehensive state-level voting rights act. To remain the national leader, Connecticut must adequately fund its protections in this biennial budget, which will require \$1.4 million each year. This will cover six staff positions needed to implement the historic preclearance provision and other aspects of law, maintenance of the statewide election database in partnership with the UConn Voter Center, and translation services to comply with language access requirements.

Connecticut Voters Face Persistent Barriers and Discrimination

There are still discriminatory barriers to equal participation in our democracy for voters of color and people whose first language isn't English.

Through enacting the CTVRA in 2023, the Connecticut legislature made a commitment to Black voters and other voters of color. Three-quarters of Connecticut voters [supported](#) the CTVRA and 89% of Black voters wanted their representatives to prioritize it. As we are seeing attacks, not progress, on voting rights at the federal level the state must double-down on this commitment, not walk it back.



Voters wait to cast their ballots at the Salvation Army of Stamford, Connecticut on November 3, 2020. Photo by Timothy A. Clary/AFP via Getty Images

The CTVRA Protects Voters of Color and Strengthens Connecticut's Democracy

Connecticut set a new standard for protecting the right to vote through:

Providing new legal tools to fight discriminatory voting rules in court.

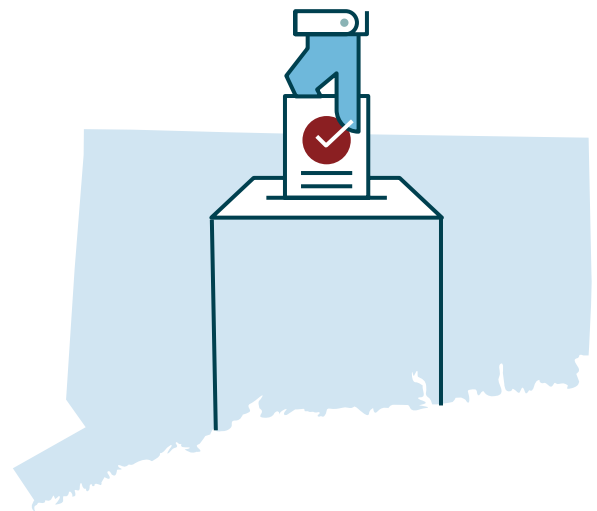
Preventing voting discrimination before it occurs in high-risk places.

Expanding language assistance for voters with limited English proficiency.

Creating strong protections against voter intimidation, deception, or obstruction.

Creating a central hub for election data and demographic information that will empower officials and community members to ensure accessible elections.

Connecticut became a national leader in protecting the freedom to vote through the CTVRA.



With Voting Rights Under Threat, Connecticut Must Lead by Example

As we approach the 60th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, that landmark law remains under attack in federal courts, and the Trump Administration's Project 2025 agenda includes plans to roll back enforcement of protections against voting discrimination. States are fighting back with their own voting rights acts, and the CTVRA is the strongest in the nation. Now is Connecticut's time to lead—not undercut its commitment to a democracy that works for all by shortchanging the CTVRA.