## Heritage Foundation

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* 501(c)(3)
* Public policies based on the principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, & a strong national defense.

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* Founded in 2010
* 501(c)(4)
* Take the conservative policy solutions outlined by the Heritage Foundation & make them a reality.

## 9 Policy Priorities

1. Counter the CCP
2. Eliminate Regulation, Inflation, and Spending
3. End the Border and Immigration Crisis
4. Ensure Election Integrity
5. Expand Education Freedom
6. Fight Big Tech Abuses
7. Put Family First
8. Root Out the Deep State
9. Unleash American Energy

## Election Integrity

* Scorecard available at <www.heritage.org/electionscorecard/>

### Absentee Ballots

Montana should…

* Not allow voters to placed on a permanent absentee ballot list.
* Require a unique identifier (driver’s license number or last 4 of SSN) on absentee ballots.
* Require notarization or witness signature on absentee ballots.
* Limit the number of absentee ballots one individual can be a witness on.

### Citizenship

Montana should…

* Verify citizenship when residents register to vote.
* Utilize the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlement (SAVE) Program to confirm citizenship status.
* Compare voter registration to state and federal jury information to verify citizenship.

### Foreign Funding

* Federal law prohibits foreign nationals from contributing to candidates or Super PACs.
* Federal law does NOT ban foreign nationals funding ballot issues.
* Foreign nationals can donate to groups like the Sixteen Thirty Fund.
* In 2024, the Sixteen Thirty Fund spent $37 million in foreign-tied funds on state initiatives across the nation and [$3.1 million](https://americansforpublictrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/APT_Foreign-Backed-Spending-in-State-Ballot-Issue-Campaign_v11.pdf) in foreign-backed dollars to a ballot issue committee supporting enshrining abortion into Montana’s state constitution.

#### The Solution

* Ban direct foreign funding for ballot measures.
* Require groups like the Sixteen Thirty Fund to affirm they have not received donations from foreign nationals for a 4-year period (HB 818 did not secure).
	+ HB 818 also provided exemptions for certain foreign national owned businesses.
* Prohibit foreign nationals from participating in any way that influences a ballot initiative.
* Forbid foreign nationals from soliciting donations to a ballot initiative.

## One Big, Beautiful Bill

* Tax Cuts for the American People
* Border Security & Immigration Enforcement
* Welfare Reform
* Unleashing American Energy
* Defending Life

## Rescissions Package

* Reclaims $9.4 billion in wasteful spending.
	+ $8.3 billion from the State Department and USAID
	+ $1.1 billion from NPR and PBS
* Does not cut PEPFAR’s core AIDS treatment funding.
* Stops government-funded, biased media reporting.

## Additional Information

* Congressional scorecard is available at: [heritageaction.com/scorecard](HeritageAction.com/Scorecard)
* How to Effectively Advocate for Legislation: <heritageaction.com/advocate>
* Save Our Elections: <saveourelections.com>