

FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS/VOTER SUPPRESSION

WHEREAS, voter suppression attacks and tactics are growing at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, the closure of many convenient polling places in low-income neighborhoods or ending early voting periods have caused the marginalized communities to wait in line for hours to vote, thereby affecting their participation; and

WHEREAS, disabled people have been forced to wait in line for hours creating an ableism culture and makes voting a challenge; and

WHEREAS, stringent voter ID laws are still in place in many states, thus denying Native Americans, people of color, legal immigrants, senior citizens, college students, and homeless people the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, there is interference by foreign governments in our election process.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OPEIU work with other unions, political supporters and organizations to call upon state legislatures and Congress to end voter ID laws and voter suppression and restrict interference in our elections by foreign governments, thereby, ensuring free and fair elections.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED JUNE 2019