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Voters on the Move Registration Act

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Each year, roughly one in ten Americans move. Over a five year period, the number of Americans who move at least once rises to one in three. Each time that Americans change their address, they need to re-register to vote. Yet many Americans lack the time or resources, or simply forget, to register to vote when they get to their new home. These challenges are particularly acute for low-income Americans who rely on federal housing programs. Studies show that the more recently an American has moved, the less likely they are to be registered to vote and that low-income Americans are less likely to be registered to vote than high-income Americans.

The *Voters on the Move Registration Act* will help Americans register to vote by requiring federal housing agencies, as well as residential and multi-family mortgage loan providers to provide information to new renters and homeowners about how to register to vote.

This legislation is introduced by Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock and Congresswoman Nikema Williams. A similar version has been included in the *For the People Act* (S.1) Substitute introduced in the Rules Committee.

This bill would:

- Direct the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), working with the Election Assistance Commission, to develop a uniform statement to provide information about how to register to vote and voter's rights under the law;
- Require public housing agencies, as well as any owner of rental units that receive federal rental assistance, to provide a copy of this statement to renters;
- Require owners of multifamily residential units receiving federally-backed mortgage loans to provide a copy of this statement to renters; and
- Direct the CFPB to require every creditor that receives an application for a residential mortgage to provide a copy of this statement to mortgage applicants.

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