

STATEMENT FOR THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE HEARING
ON IN PERSON VOTER FRAUD: MYTH AND TRIGGER FOR
DISENFRANCHISEMENT?

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Thank you, Madam Chair and Ranking Member Bennett, for convening this hearing today. The implications and ramifications of voter fraud, or the disenfranchisement of individuals from participating in our representative democracy, are very serious. The discussion today is important, and must not be over powered by the heated rhetoric of partisan politics. There are issues that must be confronted regarding potential voter fraud, as well as striking a balance to prevent discrimination or disenfranchisement. I look forward to listening to the testimony of our distinguished witnesses, and learning of solutions they may have to address potential voter fraud while protecting the rights of all Americans to vote.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al Franken". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, vertical tail on the final letter.