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## **Election Security Experts Urge Congress for Additional Funding; Say \$250 Million in Election Security Funding is Progress, but Not Enough**

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*The following is a statement from Marian K. Schneider, president of [Verified Voting](#), on Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's (R-KY) backing of an amendment that will provide another \$250M to help states bolster election security on September 19, 2019. For additional media inquiries, please contact [aurora@newheightscommunications.com](mailto:aurora@newheightscommunications.com)*

"The additional \$250 million in election security funding today is promising, but more is needed to help states upgrade their systems and validate the 2020 election. This amount falls short of the \$600 million that passed in the House, which is much closer to meeting the need for proper investment in election security. Congress has the obligation to protect the country from threats to national security and has the opportunity to act on this nonpartisan issue – after all, everyone votes on the same equipment.

"By making federal funds available to states will be able to replace aging, insecure voting equipment and implement modern security best practices, which include using voter-marked paper ballots and robust post-election audits. Despite the progress shown today, Congress still needs to vote on bipartisan, comprehensive election security legislation to protect and ensure trustworthy elections backed by adequate funds for state and local governments to implement such measures."

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