

Udall calls for Senate action to secure elections

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U. S. Senator Tom Udall (D-N.M.) called for the Senate to consider the House-passed “For the People Act.” On July 23, Udall became the lead sponsor of the Act and called on Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Senate Republicans to stop obstructing critical efforts to secure American elections and prevent foreign interference before the 2020 elections.

“Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation found with the utmost certainty that Russia, a foreign adversary, meddled in our presidential election for the express purpose of benefiting the Trump campaign. But the president continues to deny this fact - and even worse, Senate Republicans refuse to enact a single measure to strengthen election security. The utter lack of action from Senate Republicans and the President - when we have been warned repeatedly that our election systems continue to be at grave risk - is unconscionable. But there is still time for Congress to step up and prevent foreign interference in our next election. Instead of letting this urgent priority languish in Leader McConnell’s legislative graveyard, Senate Republicans should allow a vote on the “For The People” package, which has passed the House, is cosponsored by every Senate Democrat, and includes the critical election security provisions experts say are needed to protect our democracy. The strength and legitimacy of our elections and our democracy are at stake.”