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RE: S. Con. Res. 8, Vitter Amendment No. 400

Dear Senator,

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On behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union, please find attached our vote recommendation for today's anticipated vote on SA 400, Senator Vitter's amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 8, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023. A vote on this amendment may be on the Senate floor today.

Please call Senior Legislative Counsel Deborah J. Vagins with any questions at (202) 675-2335.

Regards,

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ACLU Vote Recommendation Opposing SA 400

Senator David Vitter (R-LA) may offer an amendment to S. Con. Res. 8 requiring a valid government-issued photograph ID for voting in federal elections.

The American Civil Liberties Union recommends a NO vote on the Vitter amendment.

Vote NO on the Vitter amendment because a voter ID requirement would deprive Americans of their fundamental right to cast a ballot.

Voting is a fundamental right, protected by more constitutional amendments than any other right Americans enjoy. Requiring voters to obtain and produce a government-issued photo ID in order to vote in federal elections would deny that right to the millions of US citizens who do not have, and in many instances cannot obtain, such identification or afford the back-up documents required to obtain such an ID. Evidence shows that such a requirement would disproportionately prevent voters of color, students, voters with disabilities, low-income voters, and the elderly from exercising their fundamental right to cast a ballot.

For more information, please contact Counsel Deborah J. Vagins, ACLU Senior Legislative Counsel, at (202) 675-2335 or dvagins@dcaclu.org.