Center for Secure and Modern Elections (CSME) Action

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Type of Activity: Project Grant
Overview: CSME Action, a project of Steven Thayer Fund
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What is CSME Action?

Center for Secure and Modern Elections (CSME) Action, a project funded by Steven Thayer Fund, seeks to make voting registration easier through pro-voter policy reforms. Advocacy. They are a bipartisan organization dedicated to advancing pro-voter policies at the state level that modernize the voting process and ensure that every eligible voter can have their voice heard. CSME Action supports state-led efforts to defeat bad policies and rules. They work to strengthen pro-voter policies and change the conversation so that both parties engage in pro-voter activities.

Why do we think this project is important?

CSME Action has extensive experience in advocating for pro-voter legislation and defending existing voting policies from detrimental changes.

They advance pro-voter reforms through different strategies, including providing resistance to local leaders who want to modernize their elections for the 21st century – regardless of party affiliation. They also provide resources to support the efforts of organizations and advocates who oppose the voices of individuals negatively impacted by voting registration policies. Because there is a wide range of needs unique to different regions and communities, CSME Action works with community partners to identify the right modernization policies for a specific state. This customized approach builds buy-in from local leaders and community members, and ensures that chosen reforms will be the most effective option.

How is Democracy Fund Voice supporting CSME Action?

In 2016, Democracy Fund Voice approved a grant of $600,000 over two years to Steven Thayer Fund to support the Center for Secure and Modern Elections (CSME) Action.