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Civic holiday, healthy Tuesday in September, with the goal of getting Americans registered to vote, events are making taking place in public libraries, college campuses and in communities across the country with individuals canvassing their neighborhoods, door to

door, since 2012 The day has helped to register more than 5 million Americans in time for their next trip to the ballot box of the League of Women Voters. Selena Stewart, her organization, is one of the major groups participating in national voter registration day, and it's great to have you on the show. Thank you for coming on this impacting voter registration, turnout and overall voter engagement. What? What are some of the challenges in at play?

First, I'm sorry to hear about your cat.

There. There are efforts across the country to remove voters from the rolls. Of course, we want clean rules everywhere, but it's a process and how you do it, and so we want to just make sure that, as folks are heading into the election cycle, but those barriers are removed and lessened so people have access to the ballot. And then we also just see things like, you know, misinformation, disinformation, traveling around the country in terms of when people can vote, how people can vote. And so the league is really, really working to combat that, putting out accurate information for voters to use for as they make their voting plans for November. So Selena, since 2020 there was an effort by a number of

impediments, some obstacles. What is your assessment of where that stands now, four years later, how are you how is your group trying to circumvent them? So we have worked really hard,

amazing and pushing back on legislation that limits the ability for people to vote. And so I think it's not that far off in terms of where we were in, 2020, unfortunately. But the thing is that we have voter registration. Is Critical people turning out to vote to ensure that the folks who represent their

registration is critical people turning out to vote to ensure that the folks who represent their community are elected are the most important actions that we can take at this time. And so, people who are in office, make the rules, whether it's at the state or the federal level. So, this is such a key day across the country to make sure that as many people eligible to vote can register and make sure that they're showing up for November 5.