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Center for American Progress Hosts Secretary of State Alex Padilla for discussion on Election Cybersecurity and Voting in an Era of Misinformation

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On Thursday, November 15, the Center for American Progress will host California Secretary of State Alex Padilla for an event on election cybersecurity and voting rights in an era of misinformation. California recently cemented its status as a leading laboratory for empowering voters and securing elections. Led by Secretary Padilla, the state undertook massive efforts to upgrade its election systems, combat misinformation, and empower voters to exercise their right to vote.

Secretary Padilla will discuss the foundation of California's Office of Elections Cybersecurity, voting systems upgrades, and how states can partner with the FBI and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to ensure election security against continuing threats.

The threats to U.S. democracy remain very real. In October 2018, the director of national intelligence, U.S. Department of Justice, FBI, and DHS issued a joint statement highlighting the threat posed by Russia and other actors in upcoming elections. The Justice Department recently charged a Russian national for her alleged role in a Russian influence operation targeting the 2018 midterms.

Following brief remarks, Secretary Padilla will be joined in an armchair conversation by CAP Senior Fellow Max Bergmann.

[Click here](#) to RSVP.

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Closed-captioned-enabled video will be posted following the conclusion of the event. If you require ADA-related accommodations for your in-person attendance at this event, please email events@americanprogress.org as soon as possible so that we may assist you.

WHO: *Introductory remarks:*
[Jacob Leibenluft](#), Executive Vice President for Policy, Center for American Progress

Keynote remarks and conversation:
[Alex Padilla](#), California Secretary of State

Moderator:

[Max Bergmann](#), Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress

WHERE: Center for American Progress
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WHEN: Thursday, November 15, 2018
10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time

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