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Natural duty accounts ground the duty to obey the law in a more basic duty that all persons are thought to owe to all others irrespective of their voluntary acts or social relationships. But the reach of extant natural duty accounts is limited. They are unable to establish a duty to obey the many laws compliance with which is not essential to ensuring the state's survival or stability. I develop a natural duty account which overcomes this limitation by appealing to the moral significance of the fact that a law is democratically issued.