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RNLA Calls For Congressional Investigation of DOJ *DOJ Civil Rights Division failing to enforce federal election law*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Following testimony today to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights by the former chief of the Justice Department’s Voting Section, the Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA) called on Congress to investigate the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

In a letter to the chairmen and ranking members of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees today, the RNLA cited credible and serious allegations against the Justice Department, including:

- Refusal to enforce the law in a race-neutral fashion.
- Refusal to enforce the provision of Section 8 of the National Voting Rights Act, which requires states to remove ineligible voters from the voter rolls.
- The dismissal of a voter intimidation case involving the actions of members of the New Black Panther Party outside a Philadelphia polling place on Election Day in 2008.
- The inexplicable transfer of then-Voting Section Chief Christopher Coates to the U.S. Attorney’s Office in South Carolina.

The entire letter is available here: <http://www.RNLA.org/Documents/Jud.Comm.Ltr.pdf>

“The integrity of the 2010 elections is at stake,” said RNLA Chair David Norcross. “The Congress has a responsibility to investigate allegations against the Justice Department, so voters can be confident that this fall’s elections are fair and accurate.”

RNLA officials are available to media to discuss today’s testimony and their call for Congressional investigations. For more details or to schedule an interview, please contact Matt Suermann at Suermann@RepublicanLawyer.net or call (703) 719-6335.

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