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## **Republican National Lawyers Association Sets the Record Straight on Voter ID**

*Op-Ed Cites Nonpartisan Research to Refute Leftist Claims*

**Washington, D.C.** – Cleta Mitchell, president of the Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA), today published an op-ed titled, “[Setting the record straight on voter ID laws](#)” in *The Daily Caller*. Mitchell refutes two major criticisms of voter ID laws perpetuated by Democrats who perpetuate myths about voter fraud and the effect of voter ID laws on turnout.

First, Mitchell cites evidence of the prevalence of voter fraud. The Milwaukee Police Department identified an illegal attempt to steal an election. Then there was an American University study which found a significant percent of voters have seen or heard of fraud at polling places. Finally, the Colorado Secretary of State recently discovered an alarming number of noncitizens registered to vote.

Next, Mitchell defuses the claim that eligible voters would be turned away from the polls by voter ID. Mitchell uses University of Delaware and University of Missouri studies to show that voter turnout is not diminished by voter ID laws. Then, the Cooperative Congressional Election Survey showed that voter ID only turned away 1/10 of 1% of voters, and those surveyed had other reasons besides voter ID that kept them from the polls.

Finally, Mitchell points out that the Brennan Center and the Voting Rights Institute are not nonpartisan, and their research is slanted to achieve leftist political objectives. Mitchell notes that these groups are more liberal than Democratic voters, 63% of whom support voter ID.

Mitchell concludes that there is widespread support for voter ID legislation. She writes, “With three-fourths of the electorate supporting voter ID, and so much research behind it, voter ID should be the law.”

For the latest news on voter ID, check out the RNLA’s [Republican Lawyer Blog](#). RNLA members have also published other editorials regarding voter ID issues in [Pennsylvania](#) and [Colorado](#).

The RNLA has published a white paper on voter ID entitled “Voter Identification: An Essential Step toward Ensuring the Security and the Integrity of the Voting Process.” To read the RNLA’s white paper, click [here](#).

If you would like to interview an RNLA member who is an expert on voter ID issues, contact Michael Thielen at (703) 719-6335.

To read Cleta Mitchell’s op-ed in *The Daily Caller*, [click here](#).

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