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Republican National Lawyers Association Responds to Obama's Criticism of Voter ID Laws

Washington, D.C. – David Norcross, Chairman of the Republican National Lawyers Association (“RNLA”) today called on President Obama to stop politicizing and undermining state efforts to ensure the integrity of America’s electoral process.

“President Obama and his politically controlled Department of Justice are apparently determined to overturn the decisions of elected representatives in multiple states that have adopted requirements for voter identification to be presented when voting,” said Norcross. “This is, purely and simply, a partisan effort to undermine the integrity of the election process because Democrats for some reason are fearful of any efforts to stop voter fraud.”

Last week, on the “The Michael Smerconish Program,” President Obama called state voter ID laws “a big mistake” and pledged Department of Justice (DOJ) review of such laws. This pattern of Obama's opposition to voter integrity programs goes back many years. As a Senator, Obama opposed voter-identification requirements in Illinois, among other evidence of opposition to promoting electoral integrity.

“The President has a long history in this arena. He was both a community organizer and counsel to ACORN, an organization that was responsible for rampant voter fraud in states across the nation. Yet, rather than apologizing for and distancing himself from the activities of the now-disgraced ACORN, which he has never done, President Obama instead now vows to block legitimate state efforts to ensure that ACORN's successors are not allowed to engage in fraudulent activities during the election process in their states. Voter identification is supported by a vast majority of the American people, coast to coast. The only people who oppose voter identification are the leaders of the Democrat party, including President Obama and his Department of Justice. Instead of blocking these efforts to protect the integrity of the elections, the Department of Justice should have prosecuted the New Black Panthers who intimidated voters in the 2008 election. This administration has exactly the wrong priorities and policies and these efforts by the White House and the Department of Justice represent yet another example of how they are fighting against honest, open and fair elections in this country,” concluded Norcross.

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.

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