

## "Fair Elections for Racial Equity" in Pennsylvania

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## A Necessary Call to Action -

Numerous and independent polls have established that over 75% of Pennsylvania voters have been demanding election reform. Although promising a thorough review of the conduct of the 2020 election, for more than 19 months the PA legislature has not fulfilled their constitutional oversight function and:

- 1) identified the concerns that have been raised by the citizens
  - a. investigated those concerns and determined which
    - i. have no merit and need to be dismissed and reported to the public as false;
    - ii. have great merit and need to be fully explored and reviewed; or
    - iii. are in need of further investigation to determine truth or falsity of the claim.

Simply put, our elected officials had promised us a thorough review of the concerns that have been raised by ordinary citizens of our Commonwealth which has not been conducted in any meaningful way. Nor has the General Assembly acted on any meaningful election reform legislation. Their reasoning is simply offensive to the voters, our Constitution and their duty by saying that "The Governor will not sign any election integrity legislation," so they do NOTHING.

This is not a Republican or Democrat issue; this is a <u>civil rights issue</u> for all citizens. The citizens of Pennsylvania (regardless of race, color, religion or belief, national, social or ethnic origin, sex, physical, mental or sensory disability) demand that elections be conducted fairly and equitably, and the results reported without delay.

Our election integrity concerns remain unaddressed and therefore, the policies and programs that have enabled past fraud remain in place. Since our politicians in Harrisburg are doing nothing, we need to put pressure on then to use the Annual Budget process to bring these issues to the forefront and force the Governor to negotiate with the General Assembly, compromise and enact meaningful election reform legislation.

The Republicans control the Pennsylvania Senate and House and the Democrats have been complicit in allowing our election concerns to remain unaddressed in Pennsylvania.

It's quite simple ... Without enacted election reform legislation, we should not enact a state budget. IT IS REALLY THAT SIMPLE!!! The General Fund Budget funds the operations of state government, the conduct of our elections is <u>the</u> essential operation of the Commonwealth. It is the starting point of a representative republican form of government. Which is promised to us in our State Constitution. If the Republicans haven't gotten the Governor to the table to get meaningful Election Reform legislation enacted, then they need to use the critical budget leverage they have and shut down the state until it's signed.

The voters are demanding Fair Elections for Racial Equity!!!

The Legislature can and needs to enact the following critical Election Integrity changes NOW:

- 1. Get rid of no-excuse mail-in ballots. Two court cases have ruled no excuse mail-in ballots are unconstitutional. Hence, no opportunity for illegal use of drop boxes.
- 2. Require Voter ID, over 75% of the voters agree. Puerto Rico would be a good model.
- 3. The Commonwealth must stop exchanging voter data with the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), a non-profit run by Liberals. ERIC cannot be independently validated or audited. No one knows what happens to PA's voter records with ERIC. Other states are dropping out, the Commonwealth must too.
- 4. The SURE System (holds the voter registration records) needs a complete review and refresh of the voter records. There are years of entries where PENNDOT allowed illegals to register to vote. A Democrat Auditor General's 2019 Report also identified that over 70% of the voter records in the SURE System have no source of where the voter came from. Also, the voter database is contaminated with ERIC names with no audit trails. The new SURE System's bidding process also needs to be reviewed for bidder fraud and why was a three million-dollar inducement 6 weeks into the new contract paid.
- 5. Ban private money used to run elections (i.e. CTLC and CEIR Zuckerbucks).

The Senate and House needs to show real leadership NOW. The voters are tired of feel good legislation that goes nowhere or hearing that the Governor will not sign anything. The Senate & House have a one-time opportunity to be accountable to the voters who are disgusted that NO REAL action is being done about election fraud. The Senate & the House can use their leverage in the Budget Process to get results!!! HB-1300 should be a great foundation to work from.

Our forefathers sacrificed their lives to keep this county a Republic, it is about time our Pennsylvania legislators honor their sacrifices and do their duty to give real meaning to the Republican form of Government Clause in our Commonwealth's Constitution.

## The Voters Call to Action -

It is critical to contact your State Senator and State Representative TODAY. The budget needs to be approved by July 1, 2022.

First: Sign our on-line petition at <a href="https://LVTP.org/budget">https://LVTP.org/budget</a> It will automatically notify your legislators. They need to hear from you!!!

Second: Then call and email your legislators TODAY. Demand they enact the five Election Integrity Bullets above. Be respectful, but firm as they will have all kinds of excuses for not executing their Constitutional responsibilities, remind them they work for the voters.

Third: Forward this "Call to Action" to your network of friends and make sure they complete Steps 1 and 2 and then forward it to your friends.

## Background -

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, a 28-year incumbent, member of Senate Leadership and the Chairman of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee lost his reelection bid to political newcomer Jarrett Coleman. It was this Senator's condescending and arrogant attitude at a meeting that one of our members attended where he said that Act 77's no-excuse mail-in ballots are fine and there was no election fraud in the 2020 General Election that was this individual's call to action. That was an awaking moment for him, his attitude and denial were dismissive of the concerns that were raised, was against the facts so he decided that we needed people in Harrisburg who remembered <u>for whom they work for</u>. As you can imagine, the GOP establishment was very unhappy with him for running a primary candidate against a long serving incumbent, but, to him, our state and country was more important than making nice with these politicians who only care about their re-elections and the status quo of not getting the job done for the citizens.

Political double speak can no longer be accepted. The PA Senate Investigation contract expired 2 days after the Primary, talk about optics. The Republicans clearly just used the Investigation to make believe they were concerned about Election Fraud and the Democrats flatly opposed all, also ignoring their constituents. The Senate should be ashamed of themselves on the way they dismissed the concerns raised by the citizens of the Commonwealth and their fellow state Senator.

Senator Dush, who is heading up the Senate Investigation has done yeoman's work even though he was thwarted in his efforts – the PA Senate Republican caucus did everything they could to make the Investigation as ineffective as possible (especially Senator Corman's staff and the GOP caucus counsel). The investigation lacked proper funding, blocked potential subpoenas, blocked voting machine audits and was hampered by an overall downright denial of election problems by both parties. For example, evidence of illegal drop box abuse has been minimized if not ignored by the House despite undeniable evidence of drop box abuse.

The Republican Senate caucus has over 60+ million dollars in their discretionary accounts, and they could not even sufficiently fund the Investigation so the independent investigatory firm could do meaningful work.

The concerns of the citizens over this "investigation in name only" was so great that the Senate has now extended it for another 6 months. A hamstrung committee that is extended 6 months is no better unless those impediments are removed. We fear that this will be business as usual because of the minimal funding so nothing will get done, expecting time will pass and other concerns of everyday life will cause us to forget about our own concerns. They are flatly wrong; the voters will not forget who did not support election integrity reform.

As you aware, the May 17th Primary has still not been certified after 4 weeks because of no-excuse mail-in ballots? And lawsuits are still being filed!!! We now have Judges negotiating with lawyers and County Election Boards in making new election laws for settlement, a responsibility of the legislature. This fact is making PA the butt of numerous jokes and is now likened to a Banana Republic with respect to holding free and fair elections. This is of greater concerns because the fall elections will be fast upon us and from what we have been told, no election integrity legislation is being moved towards consideration or is even being considered for movement. The ready excuse is that the "Governor will not sign any election integrity legislation."

Our votes have put the Republicans control of both the Senate and the House and they can't pass any legislation, to use the phrase of the year - "C'mon man" (no offense ladies).

ACT-77's no-excuse mail-in ballots have been ruled by two PA courts to be unconstitutional. The second case is on appeal to the PA Supreme Court.

Another arrogant legislator in the House, the "People's House" and Chairman of the Committee in charge of oversight of election issues Grove argued, no shouted at me, in a public dinner that no-excuse mail-in ballots are constitutional.

Just as the Legislature passed ACT-77, they can pass legislation to repeal ACT-77 that allowed for no-excuse mail-in ballots, yet they do nothing. Our legislators have grown accustomed to the go along to get along attitude of Harrisburg and are more concerned about re-election than representing those who send them there. We must remind them why they are there.

We expect over 75 Pennsylvania grassroots organizations will also be putting pressure on our tone-deaf legislators for action.

If the current legislators don't wake up to their constitutional duties, we need to elect those who will. We are organizing groups of donors with sufficient money that will help Primary those legislators when they are up for re-election like we did with other Senators and Representative this cycle. Such election results should resonate with them that their days are numbered if they continue to ignore our civil rights. Had the Senate conducted a full review of the prior election and their results established that news reports were broad and overblown, we would not be where we are today, because our concerns would have been addressed and we could review those results. That did not happen and our concerns were dismissed with a wave of the hand. This is not acceptable behavior of our elected officials any more (and never was) when so much is at stake.