

Good morning Leaders...

Today is a difficult day.

As you may have already heard, the Supreme Court has unfortunately approved Ohio's voter suppression tactics, allowing the state to target infrequent voters for removal and to deprive them of the fundamental right to vote.

I'm asking all APRI LEADERS and ACTIVIST to stand proud of the fight that was fought...and, to remember that WE WENT ALL THE WAY TO THE SUPREME COURT !

Attached is a guide that you may find helpful should you be contacted by the media for a reaction to the decision. You might also want to use the information to put together a message for your chapter/regional facebook or web pages or even an email blast to your leadership to keep them informed.

A special recognition goes out to Mid-West Regional Representative, ANDRE WASHINGTON and W. DEAN HUDSON for their leadership and perseverance in leading this fight along with the coalition partners in the state to protect the fundamental right to vote.

APRI STRONG.....the struggle continues!

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Key Points:

- In a narrow 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court has unfortunately approved Ohio's voter suppression tactics, allowing the state to target infrequent voters for removal and to deprive them of the fundamental right to vote.
- Today's decision threatens the ability of voters to have their voices heard in our elections. It is a setback especially for traditionally marginalized communities that are already underrepresented at the ballot box.
- The decision creates a danger that other states will pursue purging practices that will disenfranchise millions of eligible voters across the country.
- But the Court did not green-light purge practices writ large. States may not knock eligible voters off the rolls without providing notice.
- We will continue to fight in the courts, the legislature, and with our community partners to prevent states from erecting barriers to voting.