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NO PRIVATE VOTING DATA OF MICHIGANDERS FOR DONALD TRUMP!

DETROIT – The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on Wednesday, June 24, the Trump Justice Department will not receive Michigan’s voter registration list. The list contains very private and sensitive information about voters throughout the state. The court ruled by a 2-1 decision that the Justice Department is not entitled to this information. The ruling makes the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals the very first Appeals Court to rule on this critical issue of President Trump’s attempt to obtain the unredacted voter rolls of at least 24 states. This information contains the names, birthdates, driver’s license numbers, and partial Social Security numbers of all registered voters in the state. The court referred to the 1960 Civil Rights Act under Title III, regarding *“the government’s power to ensure that everyone has the right to vote and to freely exercise that right.”* This was done primarily to protect the rights of minorities and others who are often the victims of voter suppression strategies which interfere or negate the access to the voting booth. Judge Andrew Mathis wrote, *“Today, the government invokes Title III for an inverse purpose to ensure that some people have not voted.”* Thirty states and D.C. refuse to provide the unredacted voter rolls to the DOJ. This included Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson. Secretary Benson provided the public version of Michigan’s Voter Registration list but stood against the government claiming its authority to demand confidential voter information. This is a major victory for the state and the right to voter integrity and security.

The NAACP Michigan State Conference, the National Office of the General Counsel, and the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law are co-signers on the Amicus Brief for this historic case. This is another push back against the Trump Administration in its continuous effort to eliminate and desecrate the Black and Brown vote in this nation. The effort to nationalize the vote is both illegal and immoral. The constitution places the system of voting in the hands of the states. Today’s victory adds more significance in the fight against voter suppression. Even though we’ve won this battle, the war is still being waged. Michigan State Conference President Yvonne White said, *“We must fight until we win. Michigan is not up for grabs. The NAACP shall remain on duty.”* The Michigan Voting Rights Act must be passed in the State of Michigan. It will further guarantee the people’s right to vote without any form of political or social taxation. This new taxation is found in the form of eliminating mail-in ballots, canceling early voting, establishing ICE patrols at precincts with a purpose to freeze out the voting public, and to use the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) as the new voter police. The USPS was not created to determine who has a right to vote and who should receive a voting ballot based on the whims of the President of the United States. It must be noted, President Trump and many of his cabinet members regularly vote by mail-in ballot. We must remember the words of Congressman John Lewis, *“Your right to vote is precious, almost sacred. It is the most powerful nonviolent tool or instrument in a democratic society. We must use it.”* The greatest deterrent to these authoritarian tactics on the part of the Trump Administration is for the people to **Take Your Soles to the Polls and Vote**. We must vote in numbers like we have never voted before. Our very lives depend upon our exercising this right fought for by the blood, sweat, tears, and bones of those who came before us. The SAVE Act will not save us. The only act that will save us is the act of each and every American exercising the right to vote.

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