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President

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Mr. John Venrick  
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Dear Mr. Venrick,

I am doing something I don't normally do...

Due to serious threats facing the integrity of our elections, I've decided to share with you a memorandum I recently received from Judicial Watch Senior Attorney Bob Popper who heads up our all-important election law legal team.

Bob joined Judicial Watch in 2013 after leaving the U.S. Department of Justice where he served as Deputy Chief of the Voting Rights Section. Today, he is one of America's top election law experts.

He and his hand-picked team of election law experts have helped Judicial Watch take an historic leadership role in forcing states to follow federal election laws that are our last line of defense against voter fraud.

**And because I know this issue matters a great deal to you, I thought you would want to read his memorandum.**

Bob's message speaks to the vital importance of our fight against the Biden Justice Department and George Soros networks of radical left-wing organizations who are on a long-term campaign to destroy our election safeguards... and make it easier to steal elections!

That's a bold statement I know, but I promise you, it's no exaggeration.

Since 2012, we've been filing federal lawsuits against states including **California, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, New York, Pennsylvania** and **Ohio** to preserve honest elections.

Most importantly, we're winning... because by helping make certain that voter registration rolls are accurate and only eligible American citizens are allowed to vote, Judicial Watch is doing the essential work of keeping our elections clean and honest.

Today, we continue our tightly focused efforts battling the Left's radical and reckless

measures that many states adopted during the Covid crisis, but now resist returning to the essential goal of fair and honest elections. They are...

- **Unsecured mail-in ballots using (often highly) inaccurate voter rolls;**
- **Ballot harvesting; and**
- **Abolition of voter ID requirements.**

You can see why these measures are inherently dangerous.

That's why we continue to sue state governments. But from start to finish, our election law litigation can take months and sometimes years. And lots of money ... which is important.

But so are patriotic Americans like you. With your support, we find ways in the courts to confront corrupt politicians and state election officials who have contempt for the rule of law... especially our election laws.

Mr. Venrick, it is good folks just like you who make this essential work possible.

Having sufficient resources makes it easier to respond with full force to the challenges we face... especially the radical Left's efforts to subvert honest elections.

Today, the Left hates our success in the courts.

We are the national leader protecting the integrity of our elections. And you have my personal pledge that with your support, we will continue to be the most effective independent government watchdog organization in Washington.

**Your contribution helps us expose public corruption and hold unscrupulous public officials of both political parties accountable.**

It's important we're ready to keep fighting for election integrity, accountability and transparency on behalf of the American people. And you can be assured that your tax-deductible gift will help advance our investigative, educational and legal activities. So please donate today.

I thank you on behalf of our entire team.

Sincerely,



Thomas Fitton  
President

P.S. Mr. Venrick, when you make a tax-deductible contribution of \$35 or more, you'll receive a complimentary copy of our recently released special report, ***"9 Critical Challenges to Protecting the Integrity of our Elections and STOPPING Voter Fraud."***

This 40-page report contains revealing insights into the Left's efforts to undermine electoral safeguards, about the reality of voter fraud, and reviews Judicial Watch's historically successful record of fighting for honest elections. I'm confident you'll find it compelling reading.



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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Tom Fitton  
**From:** Bob Popper, Senior Attorney and Election Law Initiative Director  
**Date:** August 1, 2023  
**Re:** Update on Our 2023-2024 Cycle Legal Plan for Honest Elections

It is eminently clear from where I sit that Leftist groups and political operatives are now pushing harder than ever to radically alter U.S. election procedures in advance of the 2024 general elections.

And their intention is clear: Demolish any safeguard designed to ensure election integrity. Yet, some conservatives I speak with believe that we have weathered the worst of the storm of their anti-election integrity measures.

But they could not be more mistaken. Radicals on the Left are scrambling to change our election laws for the worse while the Biden administration is still in office. They already introduced a parade of federal bills in Congress — HR 1, HR 4, and the badly misnamed “Freedom to Vote Act” — that included awful provisions such as:

- Subjecting state voter ID laws to hostile federal review;
- Imposing race-conscious legal requirements for drawing voter districts;
- Making COVID-related accommodations like unrestricted and unsecured mail-in balloting and ballot harvesting permanent; and
- Crippling the list maintenance provisions of the **National Voter Registration Act** of 1993, the federal law that requires states to take reasonable steps to keep their voter rolls clean.

And since they are guaranteed only two more years of support for their radical agenda by the White House and its politicized Justice Department under Merrick Garland, the Left’s efforts to enact (or even impose) these measures are now greater than ever.

Yes, these threats to the integrity of our elections are quite real...and dangerous.

Even worse, this same hard-Left coalition supports new initiatives to allow non-citizens to vote. Two towns in **Vermont** joined **San Francisco** and nine towns in **Maryland** in allowing non-citizens to vote in local elections. Similar laws have been considered in **Massachusetts, Washington, D.C., Illinois, and New York City**...and I expect more this year and next. This same gang also favors federal and state laws that allow ex-felons to vote.

On top of that, these groups are rolling in money from the **Soros** network and elsewhere. They

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can sustain litigation in every state all the way to the **Supreme Court**. And they are now in courtrooms across the country challenging every commonsense election law that we are working hard to defend. I predict that the closer we get to the 2024 elections; the pace and intensity of these legal efforts will only increase.

Of course, we routinely hear from **Joe Biden** — and the echo-chamber, leftist media dutifully reporting that commonsense measures “restrict the right to vote.” They say that restricting mail-in voting in any way is “voter suppression” and they falsely claim that these actions represent a new form of “**Jim Crow**.”

These claims are preposterous, as you know.

At best, they reveal a startling historical ignorance. The grandfather laws, literacy tests, poll taxes, intimidation and terroristic violence that were part of the **Jim Crow** era have nothing whatever to do with, say, a recent **Ohio** law that restricts early voting from 5 weeks to 4 weeks, or a recent **Texas** law limiting same-day registration, or a recent **Arizona** law forbidding ballot-harvesting.

Nor do **Jim Crow** laws have anything to do with regulating absentee ballots, out-of-precinct voting, or voter ID requirements! They are all reasonable electoral integrity measures researched and approved by the bipartisan **Carter-Baker** commission over 15 years ago. Of course, that was before the Left went radical.

Incredible, I know. But the radical Left is setting the policy agenda for the **Biden** administration, calling the shots in Washington, and assembling massive legal and media firepower. Judicial Watch stands in the breach for honest elections, and we must be prepared to ramp up our election integrity efforts.

When we find evidence showing that states and counties appear not to be keeping accurate voter rolls, we first warn them to clean up their act and then, if necessary, file lawsuits in federal court. No other organization matches our record of compelling states to clean their voter rolls to reduce opportunities for voter fraud.

To date, our court actions have achieved a series of impressive achievements. This year we successfully settled our voter roll lawsuits in **Colorado** and **Pennsylvania**. Per past settlements and court orders, we continue to monitor voter list maintenance efforts in **California** and **Kentucky** where we successfully compelled them to remove nearly two million ineligible names from their registration rolls. Plus, we have an historic lawsuit still underway against **Illinois** where we’re challenging state rules that allow ballots to be counted weeks after an election!

We must also develop new legal strategies to assist states attacked by the **Biden Justice Department** and its well-funded radical network of “legal bomb throwers.” There is no question these attacks will increase as the clock runs down to November 2024. The stakes for all of us could not be higher.

Personally, I believe 2024 could be the decisive election cycle in determining if fair and honest elections persevere in America, or whether the Left will succeed in so corrupting our electoral processes that they destroy all public faith in them.

I certainly hope not. As we prepare for 2024, I ask that as you communicate with and educate Americans around the country, please impress upon them the critically important nature of our work fighting through the courts for clean elections.

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