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Philadelphia Failing to Remove Incarcerated Felons from Voter Rolls

Thousands of incarcerated Philadelphia felons remain active on voter rolls

(Indianapolis, IN) – July 20. The Public Interest Legal Foundation filed a [lawsuit](#) in federal court against the Philadelphia City Commissioners back in April because the defendants failed to respond to an inquiry about voter roll maintenance in Philadelphia. After meeting with City officials, it has come to light that the City doesn't remove or even flag incarcerated felons who are ineligible to vote in Pennsylvania. The number of incarcerated felons on the rolls and ineligible to vote likely numbers in the thousands. The Foundation is requesting urgent action from the Court to rectify the situation.

The National Voter Registration Act requires local authorities to maintain accurate and current voter rolls. Ineligible voters are not allowed to be registered to vote.

The Public Interest Legal Foundation, representing the American Civil Rights Union, has asked the court for permission to file an updated pleading. The motion asks that the Court to order the City to rectify this situation before the November election.

“Incarcerated felons shouldn't be on the voter rolls. Election officials should be doing something more than nothing to ensure felons don't cast a ballot in November.” said J. Christian Adams, President and General Counsel of the Public Interest Legal Foundation. “The integrity of the outcome of the election in Pennsylvania is called into question when voter rolls are not properly maintained.”

The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) is a 501(c)(3) public interest law firm dedicated to election integrity. PILF exists to assist states and others to aid the cause of election integrity and fight against lawlessness in American elections. Drawing on numerous experts in the field, PILF seeks to protect the right to vote and preserve the Constitutional framework of American elections. Media inquiries: media@publicinterestlegal.org.

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