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## **Election Integrity Group Files Motion to Defend Against Attacks on States**

*Seeks to Defend Wisconsin, Ohio and Virginia Election Laws in Federal Courts*

(Alexandria, VA) – July 31. The Public Interest Legal Foundation has filed motions to appear as a friend of the court against three separate attacks against state election integrity statutes. The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) has filed a motion to appear as *amicus curiae* in United States District Court in Wisconsin, Ohio and Virginia to support state election integrity laws.

A coordinated trio of lawsuits were filed by lawyers funded by billionaire George Soros attacking state election integrity laws in key swing states ahead of the 2016 Presidential election. Among the state laws under attack are Virginia’s voter ID and ban on felons voting, Ohio’s procedures to keep voter rolls free of ineligible and dead voters, and Wisconsin’s elimination of oral corroboration of eligibility as an alternative to voter ID, as well as the move to give new rights to third parties to observe the elections freely.

“These three coordinated national attacks on election integrity were filed because partisan interests realize process rules can change election outcomes,” said J. Christian Adams, President of the PILF. “Some political candidates prefer elections with dirty rolls and unverified individuals casting ballots at the same time they register to vote. But most Americans do not.”

For example, under the prior Ohio law, multiple instances of voter fraud occurred when non-residents simultaneously registered and voted illegally in the 2008 election. These included Daniel Hausman, Amy Little, and Yolanda Hippensteele, three out-of-state volunteers for a group affiliated with the Obama campaign. The three pled guilty to voter fraud in 2009.

The motions say that PILF “can provide an understanding of this national strategy and the national implications of Plaintiff’s cause of action which any singular defendant is unlikely to provide. . . . PILF seeks to prevent treasured civil rights statutes such as the Voting Rights Act of 1965 from being turned into partisan weapons to leverage federal power over state elections merely to advantage one political party and disadvantage another.” The cases are *Lee v. Virginia State Board of Elections*, Case No. 3:15-cv-357 (E.D. Va., Richmond), *Ohio Organizing Collaborative v. Husted*, Case No. 2:15-cv-1802 (S.D. Ohio) and *One Wisconsin Institute, Inc. v. Nichol*, Case No. 15-cv-324 (W.D. Wis.).

The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF), (formerly Act Right Legal Foundation), 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. Contact: [media@publicinterestlegal.org](mailto:media@publicinterestlegal.org). Court filings can be found here: <http://publicinterestlegal.org/cases/OH-WI-and-VA-voting-lawsuits>

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