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## Attacks on Virginia Voter ID Law Thrown Out

Significant win for election integrity and the 2016 election

(Alexandria, VA) – May 19. The Public Interest Legal Foundation praises the dismissal of the attacks on Virginia's Voter ID law today. After a lengthy trial and a parade of witnesses, the federal court issued a thorough and sound <u>decision</u> finding that the law is constitutional and does not offend the Voting Rights Act.

This case was one of a coordinated trio of lawsuits filed by lawyers funded by billionaire George Soros attacking state election integrity laws in key swing states ahead of the 2016 Presidential election. The plaintiffs attacked Virginia's voter ID requirement, its system for restoring felon voting rights, and allegedly long lines at voting precincts. The court previously threw out several of plaintiffs' claims, with this decision dealing the final blow.

The court noted that Plaintiffs' witnesses "uniformly describe themselves as favoring Democratic candidates," with one providing "anecdotal evidence and historical inference with scant evidentiary support." Importantly, the court found that "none of the voter witnesses who testified in this case were actually denied their right to vote."

The Public Interest Legal Foundation filed an <u>amicus curiae brief</u> supporting Virginia's law.

"We're happy that the court dismissed this attack on Virginia's common sense Voter ID law," said J. Christian Adams, President of the PILF. "It's a shame civil rights groups are wasting so much donor money in failed efforts to block a law most people like and that stops nobody from voting."

The case is *Lee v. Virginia State Board of Elections*, Case No. 3:15-cv-357 (E.D. Va., Richmond).

The Public Interest Legal Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public interest law firm dedicated to election integrity. The Foundation 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.

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Court filings can be found here: <a href="http://publicinterestlegal.org/cases/oh-wi-and-va-voting-lawsuits/">http://publicinterestlegal.org/cases/oh-wi-and-va-voting-lawsuits/</a>

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