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Foundation Seeks to Defend Efforts to Prevent Non-Citizen Voting *Obama Administration Refuses to Defend Agency Actions Seeking Proof of Citizenship*

(Alexandria, VA) – February 22. The Public Interest Legal Foundation (Foundation) has filed a [motion to intervene](#) as a defendant in a lawsuit against the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (“EAC”) regarding its acceptance of requests by Alabama, Georgia, and Kansas to modify their state-specific instructions on the National Mail Voter Registration Form (“Federal Form”) to include state citizenship proof requirements. The states want the federal form to include state proof of citizenship requirements.

The [lawsuit](#), brought by the League of Women Voters, among other groups, seeks to enjoin the January 29, 2016 EAC decision to update the Federal Form to include the States’s proof of citizenship requirements. Last Wednesday, the plaintiffs sought a [preliminary injunction](#) against the EAC’s actions and the judge set a hearing for Monday in federal court in Washington D.C.

The Foundation sought to intervene to defend the EAC’s action because, as a nonprofit organization working to protect the integrity of citizens’ votes from dilution or abridgment, it has a direct and tangible interest in this litigation, one that is not adequately represented by the Department of Justice. It is no secret that the Department is an active opponent of voter integrity laws. In previous litigation regarding the very same issues, the Department zealously defended the position that proof-of-citizenship requirements are “unnecessary and inconsistent with the purposes of the [National Voter Registration Act].” *Kobach v. U.S. Election Assistance Commission*, No. 5:13-cv-04095, Doc. 152 at 1.

And the Foundation’s concerns about adequate representation were proven true this morning when, remarkably, the Department filed a brief consenting to an injunction. Such an action is without precedent and is the latest example of the lawless behavior of the Obama Justice Department.

“The Obama Justice Department has shown a clear hostility towards ensuring voter integrity,” said J. Christian Adams, President and General Counsel of the Foundation. “Non-citizens have participated in American elections and instead of seeking to prevent it, the Department of Justice enables it. Too much is at stake in 2016 to allow this to continue.”

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, the Foundation seeks to protect the right to vote and preserve the Constitutional framework of American elections. Media inquiries: media@publicinterestlegal.org.

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