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## **RNLA Statement Opposing Voter Suppression and Intimidation**

Washington, D.C. — The Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA) agrees with the [statement](#) of Trump for President Senior Communications Adviser Jason Miller: “What we're advocating are open, fair and honest elections.” We will continue to work toward that end. We will oppose anyone who is for voter suppression and intimidation of any voter. Such actions have no place in our elections.

RNLA [seeks to promote](#) open, fair and honest elections at all levels of American society in a nondiscriminatory manner and to provide access to the polls to all qualified and eligible voters. RNLA believes no voter should feel intimidated at the polls to vote for a particular candidate, party or cause or not to vote at all.

Mr. Miller also stated that poll watchers are “standard for professional campaigns.” Indeed, the states provide by law or regulation a process for citizens to participate as poll watchers, and many regularly do so participate. We feel the best way to inspire confidence is to have trained observers for both sides watching the process. That way all sides can have confidence the process is fair and have the opportunity to work with election officials to address any problems that may exist.

In the past RNLA has condemned any efforts by any party to suppress voters such as those of the [New Black Panthers](#) in front of polls; legislative efforts for [mandatory voter registration](#) which leave many unable to vote in primaries; or more subtly, fraudulent votes that effectively suppress legal votes such as in the [2008 Minnesota Senate race](#).

We know there are many good people working for or with the Trump campaign who would not engage in voter suppression activities. We look forward to the Trump campaign addressing this and making clear the campaign opposes voter suppression.

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