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Statement on Voter ID Ruling

The League of Women Voters is delighted that Judge David Flanagan has issued a second permanent injunction on Wisconsin's voter ID law, ruling it to be in violation of our state constitution. This is another victory for Wisconsin voters. It is good to know that, under the injunctions, eligible citizens will not be disenfranchised by an unconstitutional law.

"Wisconsin had the strictest voter ID law in the nation, and no one can show how it would actually improve Wisconsin elections. The law likely would have prevented many eligible citizens from being able to cast a ballot and have it counted. It even would have disenfranchised registered voters who have been participating in elections for decades – just because they don't have one of a short list of acceptable government IDs. What have Wisconsin voters done to deserve such a law?" said Andrea Kaminski, executive director of the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Education Network.

Two courts have now heard both sides of the issue and found that the ID law violates the state constitution. The League of Women Voters' lawsuit argued successfully last spring that the state legislature did not have the authority to pass the law in the first place. It is important to note that the State provided no evidence in either case of voter impersonation at the polls, the only kind of illegal voting that could possibly be prevented by voter ID.

The League congratulates NAACP Milwaukee Branch and Voces de la Frontera on their victory and thanks them for their work on behalf of voters in Wisconsin.

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