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LLBC Statement on the 48th Anniversary of The Voting Rights Act

Baton Rouge, Louisiana-On August 6, 1965, America took a giant step forward on the path to equality, liberty, and justice for all. At that moment, the Voting Rights Act became the law of the land to all of America's voters, regardless of race. Nearly half-a-century later, the struggle for voting rights continues. The recent Supreme Court decision on the Voting Rights Act represented a step backwards for civil rights in our country.

Chairwoman Katrina R. Jackson and the LLBC Membership calls upon Congress to revise, renew, and strengthen the Voting Rights Act. In addition, Chairwoman Jackson calls upon the Secretary of State, Tom Schedler, Registrars of Voters, Election Commissioners and all citizens of Louisiana to be watchful in our pursuit to have wholly transparent elections and election processes in place across the state, at all times. Chairwoman Jackson further states, "There is absolutely nothing more fundamental, more essential, and more necessary to the strength of our democracy than ensuring the right of every citizen to vote and the right of every vote to be counted as cast."

As the conscience of Louisiana, the La. Legislative Black Caucus will continue to craft legislation, to stand vigilant for and to strengthen Louisianans voting rights.

Our Mission

Established in 1977, the primary purpose of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus is to raise the quality of life for African Americans, the indigent and working people through legislation, education and economic development.

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