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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about vote suppression. The voting rights act of 1965 changed the electoral landscape and its 2013 overturn by the Roberts court has shifted the focus of some Republicans back to selecting rather than winning over voters. This reached clear election theft in the case of the Georgia gubernotorial race. Dozens of states rushed to disenfranchise with a variety of approaches including a Texas ID bill passed in 2011 and all ready to enact. The ruling noted that legislation from the bench was fine since congress (in the midst of historic gridlock) had only to replace the law although it had been nearly unanimously reauthorized as recently as 2006. Such a bill has now passed in the House.

Please assure me that you will support the new Voting Rights Act HR 4.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our democracy.

Sincerely, Eric Babson