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**Statement by AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka
On Judge's Decision Enjoining Pennsylvania's Voter ID Law
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Elections are serious events, with lasting consequences for working families. That's why it's so important that our laws be written and applied in a way that makes it possible for as many people as possible to cast ballots.

Voter ID laws like Pennsylvania's work in the opposite direction, disenfranchising voters and making it harder for people to participate in elections. These and other measures to restrict voting are cynical and wrong, and they undermine our democracy.

We are pleased that Judge Simpson enjoined the voter ID law so Pennsylvania voters will not be required to show photo ID at the polls on Election Day. With this roadblock to voting removed, all eligible Pennsylvanians will be able to exercise their right to vote.

We remain concerned that the judge is allowing the state to continue to publicize and promote voter ID. This is going to cause unnecessary confusion leading up to and on Election Day. We urge the state to make sure Pennsylvania voters know that they will NOT be denied the right to vote on Election Day if they lack a photo ID.

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