

STATEMENT



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NCBW Raises Alarm Over Supreme Court Ruling Weakening Voting Rights Act Protections

ATLANTA, GA — April 30, 2026 — The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. (NCBW) is extremely concerned by the Supreme Court's recent ruling striking down Louisiana's congressional map with two majority Black districts. This decision represents a serious setback for voting rights, fair representation, and the continued fight to ensure that Black voters and communities of color have an equal voice in our democracy.

For generations, the Voting Rights Act has stood as one of this nation's most important civil rights protections. It was born out of sacrifice, courage, and the unrelenting demand that every citizen's vote be counted and respected. Any ruling that narrows the ability of Black voters to challenge maps that diminish their voting strength moves our country further away from the promise of equal participation and full representation.

This decision is not just about Louisiana. It is about the future of voting rights across the country. When protections under the Voting Rights Act are weakened, the voices of Black women, families, and communities are placed at greater risk of being undermined in the halls of power. We cannot accept any retreat from the fundamental right to vote.

NCBW believes that democracy is strongest when every community has a fair opportunity to elect leaders who understand their lived experiences, priorities, and concerns. Black voters have fought too long and sacrificed too much to see hard won protections eroded through court decisions that make it more difficult to address discriminatory voting practices and unfair redistricting.

As an organization committed to advocacy, leadership, and gender equity, NCBW calls on Congress, state leaders, voting rights organizations, and communities across the nation to act with urgency. We must strengthen federal voting rights protections, defend fair maps, educate voters, and mobilize citizens to participate fully in every election.

Respectfully,

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The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Incorporated is a 45-year-old advocacy organization whose vision is that black women and girls will live in a world where socio-economic inequity does not exist. Thus, we advocate on behalf of black women and girls to promote leadership development and gender equity in the areas of health, education, and economic empowerment. As a voice for millions of black women and girls in the United States, the Coalition believes in inclusion, respect, racial and social justice, integrity, accountability, and collaboration. For more information visit the National Coalition of 100 Black Women Inc. at www.ncbw.org

NCBW Mission: To advocate on behalf of Black women and girls to promote leadership development and gender equity in the areas of health, education and economic empowerment.

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