ADC #RestoreTheVRA Twitter Storm Tweets
Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 1PM ET

Prior to twitter storm:

- Join @adctweets and other voting rights advocates at 1PM ET today and tell Congress to #RestoreTheVRA!
- Join @adctweets @civilrightsorg and other civil rights advocates at 1PM ET today and tell Congress to #RestoreTheVRA!

ADC Action Alert (targeted constituent letter to Congress)

- Take Action: Tell Congress to Restore Voting Rights and Strengthen Our Democracy!
  #RestoreTheVRA

- Communities of color still face voter suppression in 2015. Tell Congress to #RestoreTheVRA today!
- Last year, Arab-Americans were targeted for voter suppression in Michigan, This year, Congress must #RestoreTheVRA!
- While your representatives are in recess, discrimination is still hard at work. Tell Congress to #RestoreTheVRA!
Congress may be in recess, but racism doesn't rest. Tell Congress to protect your right to vote!

#RestoreTheVRA


Don’t just commemorate, legislate:

- Last Thursday we commemorated the 50th anniversary of the #VotingRightsAct. In this historic year, it's time to #RestoreTheVRA!
- Lawmakers who commemorate should legislate. 50 years after the Voting Rights Act was enacted, Congress needs to finally #RestoreTheVRA.
- We urge every lawmaker who commemorated the Voting Rights Act’s 50th anniversary last Thursday to work to #RestoreTheVRA without delay.
- Racial discrimination in voting – 50 years ago + today – is real. While we commemorate VRA's 50th year, Congress MUST fix it. #RestoreTheVRA.
- #TBT to last Thursday when Congress acted like they cared about the Voting Rights Act. Let’s see if they do when recess ends. #RestoreTheVRA.
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- Last Thursday we commemorated the 50th anniversary of the #VotingRightsAct. Now it’s time to #RestoreTheVRA! [IMAGE]

Rep. Goodlatte:

- "We are certainly willing to look at any new evidence of discrimination if there is a need to take any measures," -@RepGoodlatte
- @RepGoodlatte: Are you willing to look at this new evidence of discrimination from law week? http://pdfserver.amlaw.com/nlj/Veasey%20v%20Abbott%205th%20Circuit%20opinion.pdf
- It's time for @RepGoodlatte to stop ignoring widespread voting discrimination. He must help advance efforts to #RestoreTheVRA!
- No, racial discrimination in voting isn't over. It's time for @RepGoodlatte to hold a voting rights hearing and work to #RestoreTheVRA!
- More than 2 years after Shelby, it's past time for @RepGoodlatte to hold a hearing on voting rights and consider bills to #RestoreTheVRA.
- @RepGoodlatte says he hasn’t seen any new evidence of voting discrimination. He must hold a hearing ASAP to learn about it. #RestoreTheVRA
@RepGoodlatte. If Republicans are conservative, why do you allow states to keep wasting our money on unconstitutional laws? #RestoreTheVRA

@RepGoodlatte: A true fiscal conservative would try to stop wasting the judiciary’s time and resources. #JudicialEconomy #RestoreTheVRA

@RepGoodlatte: The real fraud is wasting taxpayer money on suppressing the right to vote. #RestoreTheVRA

@RepGoodlatte: What are you fearing? Hold a hearing. Restore the Voting Rights Act! #RestoreTheVRA

General Messages:

- Why #RestoreTheVRA? States, counties & cities across the country are pushing through laws designed to make it harder for minorities to vote.
- Ahead of 2016 presidential election & primaries, lawmakers have more leeway to limit who can vote. It's time for Congress to #RestoreTheVRA.
- Congress has before it legislation that would #RestoreTheVRA, but some want to ignore the reality of discrimination. They must act ASAP!
- No, racial discrimination in voting doesn't just exist in history books – it persists still today. It's time for Congress to #RestoreTheVRA.
- We must end racial discrimination in voting and ensure every citizen has an equal voice in our democracy. Congress can help: #RestoreTheVRA!
- Congress can no longer continue to ignore the problem of modern voting discrimination. Congress must act NOW to #RestoreTheVRA.
- The American public, voters of all races & both parties, want to see the Voting Rights Act restored. Congress should listen. #RestoreTheVRA
- For decades, the value of the Voting Rights Act — all of it — hasn't been a partisan issue. It shouldn't turn into one now. #RestoreTheVRA
- Congress must fulfill its obligations under the Constitution to eradicate voting discrimination. They must pass a law to #RestoreTheVRA.
- Since the VRA was gutted, #Selma's legacy has been unraveled by discrimination. Congress must honor marchers and #RestoreTheVRA this year!
- In March, lawmakers commemorated Bloody Sunday in #Selma, but haven't yet legislated to fix what marchers fought & died for. #RestoreTheVRA
- RT if you agree: Congress must #RestoreTheVRA as soon as possible before the gains of the last 50 years recede any further.
- We now have the weakest protections for voters since the VRA was first enacted in 1965. Americans need Congress to #RestoreTheVRA!
- Inaction is not an option. Silence is not an option. Congress's failure to #RestoreTheVRA is giving a free pass to voting discrimination.
- Voting discrimination is still an entrenched reality across the country. Congress must #RestoreTheVRA! [Image]

**VOTING DISCRIMINATION**

is still an

*entrenched reality*

across the country.

#RestoreTheVRA

- While Congress is in recess, voting discrimination is still hard at work across the country. #RestoreTheVRA! [Image]
- America’s democracy is for everyone! This includes Arab-Americans and other communities of color. #RestoreTheVRA

### Leadership Conference Petition

- Sign the petition: Tell Congress the time is now to protect all voters and #RestoreTheVRA: [http://bit.ly/restorethevra](http://bit.ly/restorethevra)
- Take Action: Tell your senators and representatives to make this August a #WorkingRecess and to #RestoreTheVRA! [http://www.civilrights.org/action_center/tell-your-senators-and.html](http://www.civilrights.org/action_center/tell-your-senators-and.html)

### SCOTUS quotes:

- “The right of suffrage is a fundamental matter in a free and democratic society.”
  #RestoreTheVRA
“Undeniably the Constitution of the United States protects the right of all qualified citizens to vote” #RestoreTheVRA

“The right to vote is personal.” United States v. Bathgate, 246 U.S. 220, 227 (1918). #RestoreTheVRA

The blight of racial discrimination in voting still needs to be banished. #RestoreTheVRA

Congress quotes:

• “The vote is precious. It is almost sacred.” -@repjohnlewis #RestoreTheVRA [Quote Pic]
"Voter discrimination still exists" -@JimPressOffice #RestoreTheVRA
"I urge my colleagues to support the VRA" -@JimPressOffice #RestoreTheVRA
"The Voting Rights Advancement Act is a voting rights bill for all Americans" -@SenatorLeahy #RestoreTheVRA

"Congress must restore the Voting Rights Act." -@repconyers #RestoreTheVRA

Obama:

@POTUS: "One order of business is for our Congress to pass an updated version of the VRA." #RestoreTheVRA #VRA50
Justice Summer:

- Join @NAACP @adctweets and other civil rights orgs in marching to #RestoreTheVRA from AL to DC. #JusticeSummer: http://ow.ly/QfMwM

VRA50 Anniversary Articles ready to tweet:

- Why the Voting Rights Act is Once Again Under Threat. #VRA50 #RestoreTheVRA http://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/06/opinion/why-the-voting-rights-act-is-once-again-under-threat.html?_r=0

- Until We Renew the VRA, the Confederate Flag, Still Symbolic, Flies Over the Nation. #FlagStillFlies #RenewVRA http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rep-hank-johnson/until-we-renew-the-vra-th_b_7896124.html

- The Real Voter Fraud is Texas’ ID Law and states wasting our money defending unconstitutional laws. #RestoreTheVRA http://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/07/opinion/the-real-voter-fraud-is-texas-id-law.html

- The Voting Rights Act at 50: Why We Still Need It -- All of It. Congress must #RestoreTheVRA. http://prospect.org/article/voting-rights-act-50-why-we-still-need-it-all-it


- A letter from @POTUS in @NYTmag: Congress must restore the Voting Rights Act. http://nyti.ms/1L5jU6I #RestoreTheVRA

More VRA Articles to tweet:

National

Washington Post Editorial: Happy birthday to the Voting Rights Act
Washington Post: The Voting Rights Act is 50 years old, In North Carolina, its legacy hangs in the balance.
Ebony News: The Legacy of the Voting Rights Act, 50 Years Later
Huffington Post Op-ed: 50 Years Later, Let's Renew the Voting Rights Act
AsAm News Asian Americans Advancing Justice Op-ed: 50 years of the Voting Rights Act: How this landmark legislation has protected the Asian American vote
HuffPo America Votes Op-ed: Americans Should Push Back Against Voter Suppression Laws
Demos Article in the Prospect: The Voting Rights Act at 50: Why We Still Need It -- All of It
New York Times Editorial: The Real Voter Fraud Is Texas’ ID Law
EcoWatch: Why the Voting Rights Act Matters for Environmentalists
HuffPo League of Women Voters Op-ed: Tell Congress to Mark the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act by Restoring Its Key Protections
HuffPo: The Original Voter Suppression Data: The Numbers Behind the 1965 Voting Rights Act
HuffPo ADL Op-ed: On the 50th Anniversary of Voting Rights Act, Congress Must Legislate
Huffington Post Op-ed: Until We Renew the VRA, the Confederate Flag, Still Symbolic, Flies Over the Nation
HuffPoAmerica Votes Op-ed: Americans Should Push Back Against Voter Suppression Laws
CNN LDF Op-Ed: Sleepy county’s history of discrimination
Reuters LDF Op-ed: Steps Congress must take to ensure true freedom
The Root LCCR Op-Ed: The Voting Rights Act Is 50 Years Old Today. Is It on the Agenda for the Republican Debate?
New York Times Editorial: The Voting Rights Act at 50
Washington Jewish Week NCJW Op-ed: A new struggle for voting rights
NYT Room for Debate: Latino Voters Continue to Be Disenfranchised, Congress Has the Power to Improve Elections, Racial Discrimination Is Only One Threat to Elections
AsAm News Asian Americans Advancing Justice Op-ed: 50 years of the Voting Rights Act: How this landmark legislation has protected the Asian American vote

STATES

Alabama
Montgomery Advertiser Editorial: Nation needs updated Voting Rights Act
Al.com Op-ed: The Voting Rights Act turns 50 -- why we must uphold its promise
Montgomery Advertiser Op-ed: Are Americans’ voting rights ‘separate but equal’?
AL.com Op-ed: 50 years after act signed, voting rights remain at risk
Selma Times-Journal Op-ed: Still room for bigger impact from Voting Rights Act
Event Coverage: SPLC screening documentary to commemorate Voting Rights Act, ASU voting rights events draws bevy of celebrities, Alabama's civil rights history remembered at ASU

California
CAFwd: The Voting Rights Act Turns 50. And Also 40.
Sacramento Bee Kerry Kennedy Op-ed: Hard-won voting rights gains are under assault
San Francisco Chronicle Editorial: Voting Rights Act at 50: Still a work in progress
Event Coverage: Group reflects on Voting Rights Act in Salinas, Local advocacy groups celebrate 50th anniversary of Voting Rights Act, Feature: Civil rights activists in LA call for continued efforts to protect voting rights

Delaware
Event Coverage: Delaware group uses 50th anniversary of Voting Rights Act to push same day voter registration, Supporters of same day voting registration in Delaware call for action on anniversary of Voting Right Act

Florida
Tampa Bay Times Editorial: Voting Rights Act is still needed
Miami Herald Editorial: Voting Rights Matter
Orlando Sentinel LWV Op-ed: Return Voting Rights Act to 1965 form
Tallahassee Democrat: Landmark 1965 Voting Rights Act faces modern challenges

Georgia
Atlanta Black Star Op-ed: Fifty Years After the Voting Rights Act, Voter Suppression Hasn’t Gone Away, It’s Just Gone into Stealth Mode
Event Coverage: Voting Rights Act observes 50th anniversary, Stand Up For Voter Rights: “When We Were Marching, We Didn’t Have Cellphones. We Used What We Had To Bring About Change.”, Leaders demand a restoration of voting rights in Georgia, On anniversary of Voting Rights Act, leaders call for new push

Illinois
Chicago Sun-Times Op-ed: Jesse Jackson: Amend Constitution to add a right to vote

Indiana
South Bend Tribune Editorial: Our Opinion: Update landmark civil rights law

Iowa
Globe Gazette Editorial: Voting rights act still needed in this country
Des-Moines Register Op-ed: Candidates support restricting voting

Kansas
Witchita Eagle Editorial: Voting rights vigilance

Kentucky
Floyd County Times Op-ed: To fight racism, protect the right to vote
Event Coverage: NAACP marks Voting Rights’ 50th with action plan

Louisiana
Event Coverage: Amistad Research Center luncheon marks the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act

Maryland
Event coverage: Former felons, supporters plan rally to overturn Hogan veto of voting rights bill

Massachusetts
Boston Herald Op-ed: Time to expand on Voting Rights Act

Michigan
Detroit Free Press Editorial: Why the Voting Rights Act matters so much today
The Detroit News Conyers Op-ed: Conyers: Congress must restore the Voting Rights Act
Event coverage: NAACP and others lead in the fight to maintain voter rights, Groups vow action to bolster Voting Rights Act

Minnesota
Minnesota Public Radio: Voting Rights Act anniversary prompts calls for action
Event Coverage: Minnesota marks 50th anniversary of Voting Rights Act

Nevada
Nevada Appeal Op-ed: Make states abide by Voting Rights Act

New Jersey
NorthJersey.com Editorial: The Record: Voting rights
NJ.com: Voting Rights Act still needed 50 years later
NJ.com: On Voting Rights Act anniversary, time to erase felon disfranchisement laws from N.J.'s books

New York
New York Law Journal AALDEF: The Voting Rights Act 50 Years Later
New York Daily News Editorial: When democracy began: Fifty years ago this week, the Voting Rights Act transformed America for the better
New York Daily News Op-Ed: Voting against discrimination: The crucial step America took 50 years ago to affirm its democratic values is under unprecedented assault

North Carolina
Charlotte Observer Editorial: The Voting Rights Act’s enduring legacy
News & Observer Editorial: Voting Rights Act marks 50 years
Winston-Salem Chronicle Editorial: 50 years later, Voting Rights Act under attack
News & Observer Op-ed: 50 years after the Voting Rights Act, holding fast to the power
Event Coverage: State lawmakers celebrate Voting Rights Act anniversary, Pierce marks Voting Rights Act anniversary, NAACP president says NC leaders fostering hate, Hillsborough rally protests Confederate symbols, NAACP addresses Confederate memorials at rally

Ohio
IndeOnline Editorial: Voting Rights Act turns 50
Event Coverage: 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act celebrated Thursday

Oregon
Mail Tribune Editorial: States should follow Oregon's example on voting

Pennsylvania
Times Tribune Editorial: Re-establish Voting Rights
LNP Media Group/Lancaster Online Editorial: US marks 50th anniversary of the signing of Voting Rights Act, a law we still need today

South Carolina
Aiken Standard Editorial: Looking to rejuvenate the Voting Rights Act
Post and Courier: The Voting Rights Act at 50: New threats emerge to landmark law
Event Coverage: Jesse Jackson, activists call for protecting Voting Rights Act, Voting Rights Act must be protected, SC activists say

Tennessee
Commercial Appeal Op-ed: The Voting Rights Act — 50 years on and under siege
Knoxville News Sentinel: League of Women Voters of Knoxville Column
Event Coverage: Bloody Sunday's' youngest marcher talks voting rights in Knoxville, Big ideas from small things for child in Selma marches, Civil rights leader to speak at Beck Center today
Texas
Austin American-Statesman Editorial: **Fight for voting rights continues 50 years after LBJ signed act**
Dallas Morning News Editorial: **Editorial: 50 years later, Congress is failing the Voting Rights Act**
Express-News Editorial: **Voting Rights Act, 50 years old today**
Waco Tribune Editorial: **Let’s not battle over Confederate flags, monuments, but jointly champion equality, freedom through improved Voting Rights Act**
Dallas Morning News Op-ed: **Andrew Young and Martin Luther King III: Our plan to repair voting rights**
Waco Tribune John Lewis Op-ed: **Equity at ballot box critical to all colors of American citizens**
Waco Tribune Op-ed: **Andrew Young, Martin Luther King III, guest columnists: Time is long past to guarantee democracy to all Americans**
Waco Tribune Op-ed: **Voting Rights Act limping along on 50th anniversary**
**NAACP marks 50 years of Voting Rights Act**, **Progressive National Baptists call to restore, advance voting rights**, **A half-century after Voting Rights Act, black religious leaders say suppression is rampant**

Virginia
Richmond Times-Dispatch Op-ed: **50 years into the Voting Rights Act, there's still work to do**