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League of Women Voters of Florida Responds to Florida's Decision to Suspend Voter Purge

Tallahassee, Fla. -- Earlier today, Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner announced via [memo](#) his intention to suspend the Department of State's "Project Integrity" initiative until at least 2015.

Over the past several years, the League of Women Voters of Florida has been actively advocating against "Project Integrity" and similar efforts to purge registered voters from the voting rolls.

In response to today's announcement, LWVF President Deirdre Macnab issued the following statement:

Florida voters should be delighted by this news. Independently elected Supervisors of Elections are already standing sentry on making sure that only eligible citizens are voting. Programs like "Project Integrity" have proven time and time again to disproportionately impact minority voters and erroneously disenfranchise those that are eligible.

Previous purges initiated by the Department of State have resulted in embarrassment for the state of Florida and have done nothing to make our elections process more secure. Prior to the 2012 election, over 182,000 registered voters were inappropriately targeted by the state as potentially ineligible. While this list was later reduced, the state's approach to this issue has been highly problematic from the beginning and the League applauds today's announcement.

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