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     VIVIETTE APPLEWHITE; WILOLA
     SHINHOLSTER LEE; GROVER FREELAND;
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     GLORIA CUTTINO; NADINE MARSH;
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     DOROTHY BARKSDALE; BEA BOOKLER;
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     JOYCE BLOCK; HENRIETTA KAY
     DICKERSON; DEVRA MIREL ("ASHER")
     SCHOR; THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
     PENNSYLVANIA; NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
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     PEOPLE, PENNSYLVANIA STATE
     CONFERENCE; HOMELESS ADVOCACY
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         Petitioners,
                                             : 330 M.D. 2012
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         VS.
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     THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA;
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     THOMAS W. CORBETT, in his capacity
     as Governor; CAROLE AICHELE, in her
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     capacity as Secretary of the
     Commonwealth,
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         Respondents.
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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
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- 3 THE BAILIFF: All rise. Commonwealth
- 4 Court is now in session. The Honorable Bernard L.
- 5 McGinley presiding.
- 6 THE COURT: Thank you. Please be
- 7 seated.
- MS. CLARKE: Good morning, Your Honor.
- 9 MR. KEATING: Good morning, Your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: Okay. Petitioners, are we
- 11 ready to proceed?
- MS. CLARKE: Yes, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Okay.
- MS. CLARKE: Your Honor, I'd like to
- 15 begin by thanking the Court, the clerks, and the
- 16 courtroom cryer for all of your incredible patience
- 17 with all of us over the past few weeks.
- 18 I'd also like to thank very much our
- 19 clients, some of whom are in the courtroom, opposing
- 20 counsel, and my wonderful team of co-counsel: Marian
- 21 Schneider of the Advancement Project, Vic Walczak,
- 22 Mike Rubin of Arnold & Porter and his team; and Kelby
- 23 Bolana, who is the man behind the computer. I want to
- 24 thank all of you.
- THE COURT: Thank you, Counsel.



- 1 MS. CLARKE: This is a case about a
- 2 law, Act 18, that unreasonably and unnecessarily
- 3 burdens the right of Pennsylvanians to vote.
- 4 It's a case about Marian Baker. She is
- 5 a former Republican committeewoman. She was told by
- 6 her poll workers in November that she needed to get a
- 7 new form of identification in order to vote in the
- 8 future.
- 9 Now, Mrs. Baker knew from experience
- 10 that last time she went to PennDOT, it was a four-hour
- 11 wait and there weren't any chairs, and she knew from
- 12 going by the PennDOT office that that line had not
- 13 gotten shorter.
- So, she called her PennDOT office and
- 15 she asked them for an accommodation, and they said no,
- 16 you have to come in like everyone else. She said,
- 17 well, could I send it in by mail. They said, no, you
- 18 have to come in.
- 19 Mrs. Baker knew that she couldn't do
- 20 that, so she didn't vote in May because she couldn't
- 21 get that ID.
- 22 And there are hundreds of thousands of
- 23 people who, according to all sources, lacked the
- 24 identification that they need to vote.
- 25 Here's what the case is not about:



- 1 This is not about whether people have earned the right
- 2 to vote. This is not about a test as to whether
- 3 people go back multiple times, whether people learn
- 4 information that's not public, whether people put --
- 5 stress their physical stamina or put burdens on their
- 6 loved ones, and this is also not a case about
- 7 in-person voter fraud.
- 8 The Respondents have agreed that they
- 9 are not aware of any in-person voter fraud in this
- 10 Commonwealth.
- 11 No, this is a case about a law that
- 12 fundamentally burdens a right enshrined in the
- 13 Constitution, a cherished right to vote.
- Now, Act 18 and the way it's been
- implemented violates three separate legal protections.
- 16 First, the right to vote that's
- 17 enshrined in the Pennsylvania Constitution.
- 18 Second, the right to equal protection
- 19 enshrined in the Pennsylvania Constitution.
- 20 And finally, the way that the law has
- 21 been implemented itself violates the law.
- I will be focusing my remarks today on
- 23 the way in which the law violates the Pennsylvania
- 24 Constitution's right to vote, and we'll be discussing
- 25 the equal protection and the statutory violations in



- 1 our brief.
- 2 So, to give a roadmap of my discussion
- 3 this morning. I'll first be discussing the law, then
- 4 I'll be discussing the numbers, then our facial
- 5 challenge, and then the evidence as it relates to our
- 6 as-applied challenge.
- 7 So, to begin with the law, Article I,
- 8 Section 5 of the Pennsylvania Constitution declares
- 9 that elections shall be free and equal; and it also
- 10 provides that no power, civil or military, shall at
- 11 any time interfere to prevent the exercise of the
- 12 right of suffrage.
- 13 Article VII, Section 1, says also that
- 14 every citizen to age 21 shall, subject to residency
- 15 requirements, be entitled to vote at all elections,
- 16 subject to the General Assembly's power to regulate
- 17 legislation.
- Now, as the Pennsylvania Supreme Court
- 19 has applied and interpreted these provisions, they
- 20 have held that governmental restriction, like Act 18,
- 21 violates the Constitution if it is so difficult as to
- 22 amount to a denial.
- So, in Winston versus Moore, for
- 24 example, the Court held that elections are free and
- 25 equal within the meaning of the Constitution, when the



- 1 regulation of the right to exercise the franchise does
- 2 not deny the franchise or make it so difficult as to
- 3 amount to a denial.
- 4 Similarly in DeWalt versus Bartley, the
- 5 Court held that the test is whether the legislation
- 6 regulating elections, denies the franchise, or renders
- 7 its exercise so difficult and inconvenient as to
- 8 amount to a denial.
- 9 So, the standard here is not
- 10 impossibility. It's not whether someone, if their
- 11 lives depended on it, could walk or crawl or suffer
- 12 immense pain to get an identification. The standard
- is the difficulty and unreasonableness of the burden.
- Now, after the Court assesses the
- 15 burden, the law then directs the Court to determine
- 16 whether the unreasonable and unnecessary burden of
- 17 voters outweighs the governmental interests asserted;
- 18 and here, as we'll show, whether the standard is
- 19 strict scrutiny or some intermediate standard or even
- 20 rational basis, the governmental interest does not
- 21 justify the significant burden here.
- Now, final point on the law, we have
- 23 pleaded both a facial and an as-applied challenge.
- 24 Those aren't different legal arguments; instead, they
- 25 just go to whether or not the scope of the injunction



- 1 that the Court issues.
- 2 The facial challenge alleges that the
- 3 law on its face is flawed, and based -- if the Court
- 4 determines that that is the case, the Court could
- 5 issue an injunction enjoining the implementation of
- 6 the law altogether.
- 7 The second is an as-applied challenge.
- 8 That proof and that argument is that the law, as it's
- 9 been implemented, operates to violate the
- 10 Constitution; and there the Court could issue an
- 11 injunction that enjoins the law until all people get
- 12 the identification they need to vote. It could enjoin
- 13 the law with respect to people who don't have
- 14 identification.
- So, the beginning point of any
- 16 challenge are the numbers. How many people lack the
- 17 ID necessary to vote under Act 18. All the estimates
- in this case, no matter what the methodology and no
- 19 matter who the estimates came from, point to the same
- 20 conclusion: There are hundreds of thousands of people
- 21 who lack the ID necessary to vote.
- 22 The first estimate was the Court last
- 23 summer in its ruling. After hearing all of the
- 24 evidence, the Court ruled that the number is "somewhat
- 25 more than 1%." That was 89,000 at the time, and



- 1 "significantly less" than 9%. That was 780,000.
- Now, the next piece of evidence is
- 3 Rebecca Oyler. And until recently, she was the policy
- 4 director at the Department of State. Last year, the
- 5 Court based its assessment on Rebecca Oyler's
- 6 testimony.
- Now, Rebecca Oyler testified this year
- 8 and now she thinks the number is more like 4 to 5% of
- 9 registered voters, and that would be about 320,000 or
- 10 400,000 people.
- 11 The third estimate came from Secretary
- 12 Aichele. Secretary Aichele testified before the
- 13 Senate Appropriations Committee, and she was asked
- 14 what the State's estimate was, and she cited to a
- 15 study done in Philadelphia by the Committee of
- 16 Seventy; and in that study, the Committee of Seventy
- 17 found that 3.5% of the voters who showed up at the
- 18 polls lacked ID necessary to vote.
- 19 If you take that percentage and apply
- 20 it statewide to the people who showed up at the polls
- in November, that would get you about 190,000 people.
- 22 That clip is Exhibit 1529.
- Now, the fourth estimate was a project
- 24 that the Department of State did last summer, and the
- 25 Department of State tried to match the people in its



- 1 registration database, the SURE database, with the
- 2 people in the PennDOT database who had driver's
- 3 licenses or non-driver's IDs.
- 4 When they did that match, they found
- 5 that 759,000 people who are registered voters did not
- 6 have a form of identification in the PennDOT database.
- Now, they took that number seriously
- 8 enough that they mailed letters to every one of those
- 9 759,000 people telling them that they better get IDs.
- 10 Now, this year, Deputy Secretary Royer
- 11 testified that 150,000 of those letters came back.
- 12 So, the best estimate from that exercise was 600,000
- 13 voters.
- Now, in testimony last year, another
- 15 Department of State employee, Mr. Burgess, testified
- 16 that they did another exercise, and that was to look
- 17 at how many people had -- were in the PennDOT
- 18 database, but whose licenses had been expired for more
- 19 than a year, and therefore, they would be unable to
- 20 vote, too.
- 21 This was the number that the Court
- 22 asked a witness about the other day, and that number
- was about 500,000. There were 500,000 people in the
- 24 registered voter database who had an ID, but it was
- 25 expired, and it couldn't be used for voting.



- 1 The fifth estimate was done by
- 2 Dr. David Marker. Dr. Marker is hired by foreign
- 3 governments and the United States government to create
- 4 surveys and to evaluate the surveys of other people.
- 5 What he did in this case was to
- 6 evaluate a survey implemented and presented last
- 7 summer by Dr. Matthew Barreto. Dr. Barreto's survey
- 8 was designed to find out how many people lacked any
- 9 kind of ID under the statute, not just -- not just
- 10 PennDOT IDs, but any kind of ID.
- What Dr. Barreto found was that 710,000
- 12 people lacked the ID needed to vote. That excludes
- 13 what he found about non-conforming matches.
- 14 He also found significantly that of the
- 15 people who didn't have a PennDOT ID, only a very small
- 16 percentage of those people had another form of ID, a
- 17 military card or a student ID. Only a small
- 18 percentage.
- So, what we did this year is we asked
- 20 Dr. Marker to look at Dr. Barreto's methodology, which
- 21 was criticized last year both by opposing counsel and
- 22 by the Court.
- 23 What Dr. Marker concluded was that in
- 24 fact Dr. Barreto's survey methodology was reliable and
- 25 it was -- it met regular standards for survey



- 1 methodologies.
- So, based on Dr. Marker's analysis, he
- 3 concluded that the order of magnitude of Dr. Barreto's
- 4 conclusions remained valid; that is, that hundreds of
- 5 thousands of people lack ID.
- The next estimate was done by
- 7 Dr. Siskin. Dr. Siskin is an expert in statistics and
- 8 mathematics. He has done work for the FBI, the CIA,
- 9 the Department of the Navy, and the Attorney General's
- 10 office.
- 11 What Dr. Siskin did was a refinement of
- 12 what the Department of State did last summer. He
- 13 matched to the SURE database with the PennDOT
- 14 database; but he went further than the Department of
- 15 State went last summer to be very, very conservative
- 16 in his conclusions.
- 17 He took out all of the ineligible
- 18 voters. He took out all of the people who had
- 19 out-of-state driver's licenses, or for whom that had
- 20 been reported; and then what he did is went through a
- 21 series of 12 steps to do a matching.
- 22 And the 12 steps started with simple
- 23 things like matching driver's license and Social
- 24 Security numbers, and then got more and more loose, I
- 25 would say, matching first names or addresses that were



- 1 near.
- 2 At the conclusion of the 12 steps, he
- 3 did an audit to determine the error rate. He took
- 4 account of the error rate and he came up with an
- 5 estimate.
- 6 He also went and looked at the people
- 7 who had driver's licenses, just like Mr. Burgess did
- 8 last summer, but whose driver's licenses or IDs were
- 9 expired for more than a year and who therefore would
- 10 not be able to vote with those IDs.
- 11 Dr. Siskin's conclusions -- and those
- 12 were Exhibit 2096b -- were that 251,000 registered
- 13 voters do not have -- are not in the PennDOT database
- 14 at all; that is, they don't have a PennDOT ID, a
- 15 driver's license or an ID.
- 16 He also found that 259,000 voters had a
- 17 PennDOT ID, but the ID was expired for more than a
- 18 year and can't be used for voting. So, that was
- 19 511,000 registered voters in all.
- Now, the Respondents brought in
- 21 Dr. Wecker to criticize -- specifically to criticize
- 22 Dr. Siskin's methodology. Dr. Wecker was the person
- 23 who drew the circles around universities.
- Now, Dr. Wecker's criticisms are not
- 25 credible and they're not reliable; and I don't have



- 1 time to go through all of them, but I'm going to talk
- 2 about three of the key problems with Dr. Wecker's
- 3 testimony.
- 4 First, Dr. Siskin did his work based on
- 5 the assumption that the number of people who lacked
- 6 PennDOT IDs was probative of the number of people who
- 7 lacked any kind of ID authorized by the statute.
- 8 Dr. Wecker called this the biggest leap
- 9 of logic I've ever seen. But this wasn't a leap of
- 10 logic at all. It was, in fact, the basis for Act 18;
- and Act 18 providing that the PennDOT ID was supposed
- 12 to be the ID of last resort.
- 13 It was the basis for the Supreme
- 14 Court's concern and why the Supreme Court remanded the
- 15 case to this Court, and it was the fact that so few
- 16 PennDOT IDs had been issued that this Court
- 17 enjoined -- preliminarily enjoined the case.
- So, it is not at all a big leap of
- 19 logic to say that the number of people who lack IDs is
- 20 probative of how many people lack IDs at all.
- 21 Another problem of Dr. Wecker's, the
- 22 second of the three that I'm going to raise today, is
- 23 he assumed that Dr. Siskin's purpose was to identify
- 24 every single person who lacks IDs; and he said, I have
- 25 never been in litigation where that kind of precision



- 1 wasn't required.
- 2 But that's not what Dr. Siskin set out
- 3 to do, and he said that. He understood that people
- 4 move away, people move in, people die, new people
- 5 register.
- What Dr. Siskin's project was designed
- 7 to do was to come up with an estimate of orders of
- 8 magnitude. It was not to identify ever single person
- 9 with precision.
- The third problem with Dr. Wecker was,
- 11 he criticized the match process itself. He just said
- 12 it can't be done; that databases don't talk; they're
- 13 not reliable. But unfortunately, Dr. Wecker had not
- 14 been given any information about any of the other
- 15 estimates or work that had been done.
- In particular, he wasn't aware that
- 17 last summer when the Department of State did its
- 18 match, the reason it did it was so those databases
- 19 could talk to each other better. Basically, they did
- 20 the backfill and they did it so that they could add
- 21 numbers and so the databases could talk to each other.
- Mr. Marks also testified at length in
- 23 this hearing about all of the efforts that he has made
- 24 and his office has made over the past ten years to
- 25 improve the quality and the amount of data in the SURE



- 1 database.
- So, for these reasons and others,
- 3 Dr. Wecker's criticism of Dr. Siskin aren't credible
- 4 and shouldn't be given any weight; but there is
- 5 something that we can do with Dr. Wecker's numbers.
- 6 The one place he put numbers in was he
- 7 said there's some voters on the list of Dr. Siskin
- 8 that shouldn't be counted, and essentially what he
- 9 said was there's 144,465 people who shouldn't be on
- 10 Dr. Siskin's list. So, let's give him that.
- 11 And if you look at that number, if you
- 12 take those numbers, subtract them from Dr. Siskin, you
- 13 still get a very large number, 366,000.
- So, those are the estimates from all
- 15 sources and all in the same order of magnitude; but
- 16 when one is trying to understand the magnitude of this
- 17 problem, the other half of the equation is how many
- 18 people have gotten IDs so far. That is Exhibit 2072.
- 19 The numbers are very small. Infinitesimal compared to
- 20 the huge numbers who lack ID.
- 21 So far, from the beginning of this --
- 22 when the law went into effect, there have been 3,830
- 23 Department of State IDs, and 2,530 of those have been
- 24 since September 25th, 2012. That's a very significant
- 25 day here, because that's the day that the Department



- 1 of State came in and said, we get it. We recognize
- 2 that our process hasn't been good so far. So this is
- 3 the day we're going to really do it. So, there have
- 4 been 2,530 since then.
- 5 Since the law has been in effect, there
- 6 have been 12,981 PennDOT free IDs for voting issued
- 7 and only 3,860 since September 25th.
- Now, one has to ask why in the 16
- 9 months since this law was implemented, why didn't the
- 10 state try to figure out how many people lack ID?
- 11 A number of witnesses, including
- 12 Rebecca Oyler, said that would be a very useful
- 13 exercise to determine how to get people IDs; and they
- 14 hired Dr. Wecker, who in other circumstances, is known
- 15 for doing very complicated and different work, but
- 16 they didn't do that.
- 17 Secretary Aichele obviously thought it
- 18 was a good idea because she announced at a press
- 19 conference that she was going to do another match, but
- 20 they never did. And I believe that the Court can draw
- 21 an inference from the fact that this work was never
- done.
- Now, in Respondents' opening argument,
- 24 they claimed that these numbers are a small segment of
- 25 the population; and what are they saying? It's true



- 1 that this is a very small percentage, a small
- 2 percentage of the overall voters, but these are
- 3 people. These aren't segments.
- 4 Would we accept 100,000 people being
- 5 deprived of freedom of religion? Would it be okay if
- 6 89,000 people or even 50,000 people were deprived of
- 7 the right to bear arms, or subjected to unreasonable
- 8 search and seizure? Of course not. Of course we
- 9 wouldn't.
- This is the same thing here, we're
- 11 talking about individuals and not segments. These are
- 12 rights directly bestowed on individuals, and they are
- 13 cherished rights.
- So, far I have talked about all of the
- 15 sources that have pointed to very large numbers, but
- 16 next I'm going to talk about our facial challenge;
- 17 that is, the structural defects of Act 18 that operate
- 18 to impose unnecessary burdens on voters.
- 19 The first is -- the first structural
- 20 flaw has already been recognized by the Supreme Court
- 21 and acknowledged by the Respondents, and that is the
- 22 law provides that the ID of last resort would be the
- 23 PennDOT ID.
- 24 And now everyone understands that that
- 25 can't be the ID of last resort because of the



- 1 requirements of federal law and state law and security
- 2 issues. So, that has been acknowledged by everyone.
- The second issue related to the first
- 4 is you have to go to PennDOT to get the ID. There are
- 5 only 71 locations throughout the Commonwealth. Nine
- 6 counties don't have any PennDOT location at all; 13
- 7 counties only open one day a week; and nine counties,
- 8 it's only open two days a week. This contrasts with
- 9 the 9,300 polling places around the Commonwealth, down
- 10 the street, around the block, a mile or two away.
- Now, Act 18 imposes absolutely no duty
- 12 on PennDOT to increase the number of locations or
- increase the hours of operation. As Mr. Myers told
- 14 us, he and his staff make that decision, and they make
- 15 it based on their own considerations.
- 16 PennDOT has shown itself to be a
- 17 reluctant participant in this project. Petitioners'
- 18 Exhibit 27 which was introduced last year showed that
- 19 PennDOT opposed an earlier version of this law and
- 20 said that it would tax -- it would burden its, quote,
- 21 already taxed driver's license centers.
- 22 Secretary Aichele testified last summer
- 23 that the Department of State asked the Department of
- 24 Transportation to use mobile units to get people IDs,
- 25 but PennDOT said no. That was in the transcript last



- 1 year at page 998.
- Now, the Department of State knows and
- 3 knew that this fact that you had to get to PennDOT
- 4 posed a problem. And they said in Exhibit 1677,
- 5 "PennDOT has said that there are 71 photo centers
- 6 around the state. Someone may challenge the law based
- 7 on the fact that there are only 71 photo centers, and
- 8 some people may not be able to get an ID without
- 9 significant costs to get to a photo center."
- 10 They knew this was a problem. And in
- 11 the same document, in talking about people in care
- 12 facilities said that a person in a care facility might
- 13 not be able to get an ID. Quote, "the elector may not
- 14 be well enough to go to a PennDOT photo ID center to
- 15 get a new ID. The individual may then claim that he
- or she has been deprived the right to vote."
- 17 The Department of State card, the DOS
- 18 card, doesn't cure these facial defects. It is
- 19 entirely a creation of governmental administrative
- 20 discretion. The Department of State created it, they
- 21 made the rules, they changed the rules, and there is
- 22 nothing guaranteeing that they won't take it away.
- Here's how Jonathan Marks, the highest
- 24 ranking career official in charge of elections, put
- 25 it. He was asked, "the Department of State has the



- 1 authority to make these choices, to establish these
- 2 requirements" -- referring to the Department of State
- 3 procedures -- "correct?" Answer: "That's correct,
- 4 yes." "Or to eliminate the requirements, correct?"
- 5 Answer: "Correct." Question: "The Department of
- 6 State controls the requirements for how the DOS card
- 7 is to be issued, correct?" Answer: "I would say to
- 8 some extent, correct, yes." Question: "And the
- 9 Department of State could also eliminate the DOS ID
- 10 card altogether; is that right?" Answer: "Yeah,
- 11 theoretically, we could."
- But this is not just a theoretical
- 13 problem. There is a real risk that the Department of
- 14 State could someday -- maybe not today, maybe not
- 15 tomorrow -- but could someday eliminate the DOS card.
- 16 Representative Darryl Metcalf is a key
- 17 supporter of this law, and he challenged the
- 18 Department of State over its decision to issue these
- 19 cards.
- 20 He claimed that it's not authorized by
- 21 Act 18 and Representative Steve Barrar agreed. Some
- 22 exhibits that were admitted at the end of this case
- 23 without being shown or discussed show this, and those
- 24 are Exhibits 1446 and 1447.
- The third facial problem with Act 18 is



- 1 the list of IDs that are available for voting. This
- 2 is the strictest, narrowest list in the country, and
- 3 there are two problems with the list.
- 4 One is that it requires expiration
- 5 dates, even on IDs that don't typically have
- 6 expiration dates, like college and university IDs, or
- 7 veterans' IDs.
- Now, when the law was being discussed,
- 9 the Department of State was aware of this problem, and
- 10 no one at the Department of State thought that there
- 11 was any good reason to have expiration dates.
- 12 Ms. Oyler, the policy director, agreed
- during this trial that you don't really need an
- 14 expiration date if the purpose of an ID card is
- 15 identity. You just need the card to look like the
- 16 person. But the legislature decided to put in
- 17 expiration dates anyway, even though they're not
- 18 needed.
- The other problem with the list is the
- 20 kinds of IDs is very narrow. It doesn't include IDs
- 21 issued by school districts at all. It doesn't include
- 22 IDs issued by municipalities, except IDs issued to
- 23 their employees, but not to other people. It doesn't
- 24 include lists of ID cards issued by private employers.
- These are ID cards that are used



- 1 commonly, every day, in every other transaction; but
- 2 they're not included here.
- 3 The Department of State again was so
- 4 concerned about this issue, they were concerned about
- 5 the possibility of -- here's what my quote,
- 6 "disenfranchisement through happenstance beyond the
- 7 control of the elector" -- that was Petitioners'
- 8 Exhibit 1562 -- "that they recommended a change in the
- 9 Bill that everybody be allowed to vote absentee."
- The legislature didn't do that.
- 11 The fourth and final issue with --
- 12 fundamental problem with Act 18 is that there's no
- 13 safety net. There's no real safety net that allows
- 14 people who don't have ID to come to the polls and cast
- 15 a regular ballot.
- 16 Michigan and New Mexico have those
- 17 kinds of safety nets. If you go to the polls and you
- 18 don't have an ID, you can sign a declaration or an
- 19 affirmation saying that you are who you say you are,
- 20 and they will allow you to vote, to cast a regular
- 21 ballot.
- Georgia allows people to -- everyone to
- vote absentee; and Indiana, everyone over 65 or with a
- 24 disability can vote absentee.
- Pennsylvania doesn't have those rules.



- 1 In Pennsylvania, it's -- there is already a very
- 2 narrow and restricted list of the kinds of times that
- 3 people can vote absentee; and Act 18 actually made it
- 4 harder by requiring you to put a Social Security
- 5 number or a driver's license in your absentee ballot.
- 6 So, these four provisions of Act 18 are
- 7 fundamental and foundational. They can't be changed.
- 8 They can't be changed by assurances that something new
- 9 will happen. So, it's for this reason that we have a
- 10 facial challenge, and we're asking the Court to enter
- 11 a permanent injunction enjoining the enforcement of
- 12 this law.
- 13 But in addition to the structural
- 14 defects, the manner in which Act 18 has been
- 15 implemented also has resulted in a public
- 16 overwhelmingly unaware of the fact that there is a
- 17 free identification card available for voting; and it
- 18 also, when people get to PennDOT, has resulted in
- 19 unnecessary and unreasonable burdens and people unable
- 20 to get IDs.
- 21 So, I want to first start with the
- 22 education. The state spent \$4 million last fall on
- 23 its "show it" campaign on radio, TV and billboards.
- 24 Dr. Diana Mutz, who is a Professor at the University
- of Pennsylvania and a Fellow at the American Academy



- 1 of Arts and Sciences, came and explained graphically
- 2 why the "show it" campaign -- what was the matter with
- 3 the "show it" campaign.
- 4 The issue was it didn't tell people
- 5 that there was an ID that's available for free without
- 6 documentation, let alone telling people where they
- 7 could go to get it or how they could get it.
- Now, instead what she testified was the
- 9 focus of that campaign was telling people who already
- 10 had IDs that they needed to bring them.
- Now, the State did have a 1-800 number
- 12 and a website, and Dr. Mutz testified again
- 13 graphically how difficult -- she testified and showed
- 14 how difficult it was for even her to navigate that
- 15 website or deal with that 1-800 number.
- Now, the fact that there was no
- 17 education about the Department of State ID was not an
- 18 accident. It was intentional, and Deputy Secretary
- 19 Royer admitted this in the trial.
- 20 What he said -- he was questioned about
- 21 why there was no -- no advertising about the
- 22 Department of State ID; and he said, we didn't want to
- 23 confuse voters by putting out that the ID that most
- 24 people have never heard of, would someday would be
- 25 needed for voting, and therefore, cause confusion.



- 1 So, the Department of State's
- 2 information campaign reveals the wide divide between
- 3 what the Department of State issued from Harrisburg
- 4 and what actually made it into the hands of the
- 5 voters.
- It's the distinction between theory and
- 7 practice, and it's the distinction between quantity
- 8 and quality.
- 9 With all of the flyers, all of the
- 10 pamphlets, all of the informational bulletins, most of
- 11 them that are in evidence in this court do not mention
- 12 the Department of State ID. If they do, they don't
- 13 explain what it is, where you can go to get it, that
- 14 you don't need documents.
- 15 Another example of this difference
- 16 between theory and practice is libraries. Respondents
- 17 mentioned libraries, but in testimony by Ron Ruman
- 18 which we put in without reading, Mr. Ruman said really
- 19 all they did was ask the Library Association if they
- 20 could send a PDF and a link to libraries.
- 21 There's no evidence that anyone got
- 22 information from a library and the evidence that there
- is, Mr. Rogoff and Ms. Carty went to libraries, and
- 24 they didn't find anything.
- The fact that poll workers went to the



- 1 poll to circulate -- the fact that the Department of
- 2 Information [SIC] sent information to the poll workers
- 3 is also a good example of the distinction between
- 4 theory and practice.
- 5 They didn't do any survey to see if the
- 6 poll workers were already using it. Mr. Royer talked
- 7 about going to a handful of polling places and said
- 8 everything was fine. But the proof is in the pudding.
- 9 The witnesses who testified here overwhelmingly said
- 10 that they didn't see anything, they didn't hear
- 11 anything.
- 12 Mrs. Norton testified that she asked
- 13 when they told her that she would need a driver's
- 14 license or a passport.
- Now, I want to say here that the point
- 16 is not to blame the government officials. They worked
- 17 hard. This isn't a question of blame or gotcha, or
- 18 you have got the wrong information out there.
- The point here is it's the very
- 20 government officials who are putting out this
- 21 information that are getting it wrong. They're not
- 22 getting it right.
- 23 And the other point is that it doesn't
- 24 matter, from the point of view of the voter, if they
- 25 don't get the information. It doesn't matter whether



- 1 the people are operating in good faith or bad faith.
- Now, Mr. Myers referred throughout his
- 3 testimony to this idea of shared responsibility; but
- 4 if the information isn't there, if there's not
- 5 information that there is a card that's free, that you
- 6 don't need documents for, or where you can go to get
- 7 it or how can you get it, how can we expect registered
- 8 voters to take that responsibility that Mr. Myers
- 9 talked about?
- Now, education wasn't the only problem.
- 11 The process that unfolded over the last 16 months has
- 12 been chaotic and unpredictable and unnecessarily
- 13 burdensome.
- Some of the problems are getting to
- 15 PennDOT, and others are what happened when you get
- 16 there. The voters' stories illustrated both of these
- 17 problems.
- 18 Patricia Norton lives in Wamelsdorf,
- 19 Pennsylvania, Berks County. She has voted in the same
- 20 municipal borough for 48 years. She gets around in a
- 21 wheelchair and travelling in a car is painful for her
- 22 and difficult because most cars don't have
- 23 wheelchairs.
- Mrs. Norton wanted to get an ID, so in
- 25 October, she called her friends in Reading who drove



- 1 20 miles to get her and then they drove 45 minutes to
- 2 Shillington. When Mrs. Norton got there, and got in,
- 3 they told her, you have to pay \$13.50. She said no, I
- 4 think it's free. They said, no, you have to pay.
- 5 So, now there was another problem.
- 6 Mrs. Norton pulled out her wallet to give them the
- 7 \$13.50; but they said, no, we don't take cash. We
- 8 only take checks or money orders.
- 9 To get a money order, you have to get
- 10 back in your car, and you have to go to another
- 11 location. You have to get out of the car, and then
- 12 you have to get the money order and come back.
- 13 Mrs. Norton couldn't do that. Here's
- 14 how you -- here's how she explained it:
- 15 Xx VIDEO PLAYED AS FOLLOWS:
- THE WITNESS: "The people who can
- 17 drive, when you can drive, you don't think about it.
- 18 You just do it. You hop in and you go. And you don't
- 19 understand the problems it creates when you can't do
- 20 that."
- MS. CLARKE: We had many other
- 22 witnesses testify about similar stories. We had
- 23 Mrs. Marsh. We had Andrew Rogoff, who was a partner
- 24 of one of Philadelphia's largest law firms, who spent
- 25 two to three hours over the course of six months



- 1 making multiple calls, on hold, arguing, getting
- 2 different answers.
- If it takes a lawyer with 35 years
- 4 experience to get his father-in-law -- his
- 5 father-in-law an ID, how can we expect the rest of
- 6 Pennsylvania voters to navigate the system without an
- 7 advocate like him?
- 8 Respondents' counsel has suggested in
- 9 cross-examination questions that somehow people don't
- 10 have to go to PennDOT ID, but Mr. Myers, who knows,
- 11 said this was not true. You have to go to PennDOT.
- 12 He said you have to go to PennDOT in
- 13 99% -- 99.9% of the situations; that the situations
- 14 where people don't have to go to PennDOT, he said,
- 15 were very rare.
- Sure, you can use online if you want to
- 17 renew your driver's license, but that costs money.
- 18 You need a credit card and your driver's license can't
- 19 have been expired for more than six months.
- 20 And yes, you can use the mail for part
- of renewing your driver's license; but according to
- 22 Mr. Myers, you still have to come in to PennDOT.
- There was also a suggestion in
- 24 questions by Respondents' counsel that somehow if you
- 25 called PennDOT, they would get a ride for you. But



- 1 the evidence in this case shows that is not true.
- 2 Exhibit 1591 was an example.
- 3 Mr. Myers said only that PennDOT
- 4 occasionally would allow people to make appointments
- 5 to bring in groups.
- Once you've gotten to PennDOT, the
- 7 testimony is that the application is inconsistent and
- 8 erratic. There are long lines, people are being
- 9 charged. Even Secretary Aichele last summer called on
- 10 PennDOT to put its best people on the line, citing bad
- 11 experiences she had had in other states. But she knew
- 12 there were no best people. There were no other
- 13 people. They had the people that they had.
- 14 She testified to this at pages 1001 and
- 15 1003. There's no better example of how this system
- 16 did not work than the story of the people who got
- 17 themselves to PennDOT; waited in line to try to get a
- 18 Department of State, a DOS ID; and were turned away.
- One of those hundreds, there were
- 20 dozens who were registered to vote, and dozens who
- 21 didn't get the ID in time to vote. The evidence of
- 22 this is the database created by the Department of
- 23 State. This was the SharePoint database. That was
- 24 Petitioners' Exhibit 71.
- 25 People who went to PennDOT to get an



- 1 ID, a DOS ID, and couldn't get one were recorded in
- 2 that database. Mr. Marks explained it in detail the
- 3 first time he came.
- 4 Now, Mr. Niederberger testified about
- 5 the data. He crunched the numbers and he testified
- 6 what the data in the database showed, and here's what
- 7 it showed: There were 613 people who came to PennDOT
- 8 to get the new DOS ID, who were put into this
- 9 exceptions process, 613 people.
- Now, of that, 473 people came on or
- 11 after September 23 -- September 25th. Those were the
- 12 people that that was an important date because that's
- 13 when now the Department of State's going to get it
- 14 right; but 473 people who came to PennDOT on or after
- 15 that date went home without a DOS ID.
- Now, the database also shows what
- 17 happened with these people. 146 of them were
- 18 registered to vote, but turned away anyway; and 130 of
- 19 them were actually registered before the deadline --
- 20 that was October 9th -- but they didn't get their IDs
- 21 before Election Day.
- Now, on cross-examination yesterday
- 23 Mr. Niederberger conceded that two of those people --
- 24 well, on cross-examination he was shown data to see
- 25 that -- to show that the Department of State database



- 1 was wrong, so he conceded that two of those people
- 2 shouldn't be in there, so that would take it down to
- 3 128.
- 4 Now, during this trial, Respondents'
- 5 counsel claimed that the Department of State database
- 6 was wrong. It was inaccurate, and that there were 144
- 7 people whose names shouldn't be on there. So, we
- 8 didn't necessarily agree with them; but we said, okay,
- 9 let's just take those 144 people out and let's see
- 10 what happens.
- 11 Were there registered voters who still
- 12 tried and failed to get to IDs? We matched them
- 13 person by person, and the answer is yes. There were
- 14 still hundreds of people who went to PennDOT, and
- 15 there were still registered voters who were turned
- 16 away, and didn't get their IDs in time to vote.
- 17 The numbers are there are 469 people in
- 18 the exceptions process; 330 of them came after
- 19 September -- on or after September 25th; 71 of them
- 20 were registered voters; and 58 of them were validly
- 21 registered to vote before the election but didn't get
- 22 their IDs.
- 23 Again, taking -- giving credit to the
- 24 cross-examination, that number would go down to 56, if
- 25 there were two entries that were wrong.



- 1 Now, from our perspective the two
- 2 numbers are actually somewhere between what the
- 3 database shows and taking the 144 out, and
- 4 Mr. Niederberger testified about that even under, and
- 5 that is the third page of our Exhibit 2136.
- 6 But there are two conclusions that you
- 7 can draw from this matter. First is that there were
- 8 hundreds of people, even after the Department of State
- 9 said this would be fine, hundreds of people who were
- 10 turned away, dozens who were registered voters.
- But the other point is that
- 12 Respondents' argument is based on -- is based on the
- 13 claim that their own numbers, their own database, was
- 14 wrong and can't be trusted, and their own system can't
- 15 be trusted.
- 16 If you can't -- and these are the very
- 17 agencies that are supposed to be implementing this
- 18 law. If they can't do it in 3,000 or 2,500 people,
- 19 how can they possibly do it with 10,000 or 100,000
- 20 people?
- Your Honor, throughout the course of
- 22 this lawsuit, many, many people have come in to
- 23 testify about what the right to vote means to them.
- 24 They have come from all walks of life and all corners
- of this Commonwealth. They are older white women,



- 1 middle class black women, veterans, young disabled
- 2 people, a Latina housewife. Every one of them spoke
- 3 about the right to vote. Some were articulate and
- 4 even lyrical. Some were more straightforward. But
- 5 every one of them said the same thing; there was a
- 6 common thread.
- 7 It was the pride in this common thing
- 8 that we share, this American magnificence that we all
- 9 have the right to choose our leaders.
- 10 Here's how Mrs. Norton put it.
- 11 (VIDEO PLAYED AS FOLLOWS:)
- 12 Q. Is voting important to you?
- 13 A. Yes, it is.
- 14 Q. Could you tell me why?
- 15 A. I think it should be important to all of us.
- 16 We all have a stake in what's going on in our life and
- 17 we need to respect the people who went before us, and
- 18 went through all kinds of grief to give us that right.
- 19 We need to take advantage of it.
- 20 (VIDEO ENDS.)
- MS. CLARKE: 150 years ago, not so far
- 22 from here, President Lincoln issued a challenge:
- 23 "Government of the people, by the people, and for the
- 24 people shall not perish from this earth."
- It's that right of self-governance that



- 1 people around the globe are risking their lives for
- 2 now. It's that right that people throughout our
- 3 history have given their life for. That's why we're
- 4 here today, and that's why we're asking this Court to
- 5 issue this injunction.
- 6 Thank you very much.
- 7 THE COURT: Thank you, Miss Clarke.
- 8 We'll take ten minutes before we go
- 9 into the other argument.
- MR. KEATING: Thank you.
- 11 (COURT RECESSED AT 10:44 A.M. AND
- 12 RECONVENED AT 10:57 A.M.)
- 13 THE BAILIFF: Court is in session.
- 14 THE COURT: Thank you, Counselors.
- 15 MS. HICKOK: Good morning, Your Honor.
- 16 THE COURT: Good morning. The
- 17 Department of State gets an hour.
- 18 Arthur, we'll give the counsel an hour
- 19 to present her argument.
- MS. HICKOK: Your Honor, I, too, would
- 21 like to thank you for the time and the effort and the
- 22 attention that you have paid to this case, to the
- 23 record that has been built before you, and to the
- 24 testimony that you have heard.
- I would like to thank the attorneys



- 1 that I have had a privilege of working with,
- 2 Mr. Keating, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Hutchison and the
- 3 attorneys and employees of the Respondents and of
- 4 non-parties who have been brought into this case, and
- 5 who have worked tirelessly and diligently to answer
- 6 the questions of this Court, of Petitioners, and of
- 7 us.
- 8 THE COURT: I thank all, Respondents,
- 9 Petitioners. You all have worked hard. I appreciate
- 10 it.
- 11 MS. HICKOK: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 12 Your Honor, I was struck by one of the
- 13 things that was said. The statement was made, "there
- 14 were no best people." And actually, Your Honor, I
- 15 think if you look at the record that was made over the
- 16 past three hearings, the record that was made in the
- 17 trip to the Supreme Court, what you will see is that
- 18 it is not true at all that there were no best people.
- 19 What is true is that people take the
- 20 responsibilities that they are given very seriously,
- 21 and that those responsibilities cross. They are not
- 22 just about doing something quickly. They are about
- 23 doing it right.
- 24 This case came before you because the
- 25 General Assembly wanted to enact a statute to protect



- 1 the integrity of the electoral process; and protecting
- 2 that integrity requires doing something right, and not
- 3 just doing something expediently, and not just doing
- 4 something fast.
- 5 As Your Honor is aware, the Secretary
- of the Commonwealth is charged with implementing and
- 7 administering the Election Code; and when she does so,
- 8 she looks at the statutes as they are written, as they
- 9 are enacted, and this Court has been instructed time
- 10 and time again by the Supreme Court that a statute is
- 11 only to be found unconstitutional if it clearly,
- 12 palpably and plainly violates the Constitution. Act
- 13 18 does not fit into that category.
- 14 This Court has also been told through
- 15 the Statutory Construction Act, that when it looks at
- 16 a statute, it employs certain presumptions. You've
- 17 heard nothing about those presumptions today.
- One of the presumptions that it employs
- 19 that's set forth in 1 Pa.C.S. 1922 is that the General
- 20 Assembly does not intend a result that is absurd,
- 21 impossible of execution, or unreasonable. They have
- 22 not overcome that presumption.
- The second presumption is that the
- 24 General Assembly intends an entire statute to be
- 25 effective and certain. They have not overcome that



- 1 presumption.
- 2 That the General Assembly does not
- 3 intend to violate the Constitution of the United
- 4 States or of this Commonwealth, and they have not
- 5 overcome that presumption.
- 6 As well, you are to presume that the
- 7 General Assembly intends to favor the public interest
- 8 as against any private interest; and what you have
- 9 heard and the record that is before you demonstrates
- 10 absolutely that what was done here in implementing Act
- 11 18 was undertaken and done to favor the public
- 12 interest, and not just individual private interests.
- 13 Your Honor, in looking at a statute,
- 14 you begin always with the language of that statute.
- 15 Act 18, as enacted -- not as the Bills
- 16 were drafted, not as the legislative analysis was done
- 17 when it was before the House in one iteration or
- 18 another -- sets forth a list of forms of proofs of
- 19 identification that reflect the General Assembly's
- 20 concern for the very groups that you have heard
- 21 counsel argue about here.
- They say that there are groups of
- 23 people who are less likely than others to have a
- 24 secure PennDOT product. That's true. That's what the
- 25 General Assembly recognized. That's why the General



- 1 Assembly set up an entire list of proofs of
- 2 identification.
- Now, when you look at the people that
- 4 they brought before you, almost every one of them --
- 5 and we'll talk about Mr. Proctor separately; but all
- of the others that they brought into this courtroom
- 7 are people who fit into a very specific category.
- 8 They are people who are moving into
- 9 that senior citizen process. The people that Kelly
- 10 O'Donnell spoke to you about who are in the process of
- 11 coming within the aegis of the Department of Aging,
- 12 because as they age, they face specific challenges,
- 13 some of which will cause them to live less
- 14 independently than they otherwise had, and the
- 15 Department of Aging has been reaching out specifically
- to those people, and reflects the Commonwealth's
- 17 commitment to those people.
- But Act 18 also addresses those people.
- 19 And Your Honor, in all of the numbers they have
- 20 mentioned, they have not talked about the numbers that
- 21 are relevant to that group. Here are those numbers.
- There are 2,042,166 people in the
- 23 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who are over the age of
- 24 65, if you use the 2012 census estimate of that age
- 25 group.



- 1 PennDOT has testified through Kurt
- 2 Myers, that there are 1,735,337 people in that age
- 3 bracket alone who are active drivers now.
- 4 In addition, there are 198,941 people
- 5 in that age group who are over the age of 65, who have
- 6 turned in their license and gotten an ID without a
- 7 license.
- 8 In addition, you heard Mr. Marks
- 9 testify that there are 12,379 persons who are
- 10 permanent absentee or permanent alternative ballots.
- 11 And you have heard the testimony of
- 12 Kelly O'Donnell, who came in here and said, when the
- 13 statute provided for three different kinds of licensed
- 14 care facilities, that reached to 130,000 residents,
- 15 because there were 81,000 in nursing homes, 47,000 in
- 16 personal care, and 1,200 in assisted living
- 17 facilities.
- 18 When you add all of those up, you can
- 19 see that the statute itself contemplated and carefully
- 20 provided for having identification and proofs of
- 21 identification available to the very persons that they
- 22 say are the persons who need a proof of identification
- and may not be able to get it from PennDOT.
- 24 There is no gap that appears on the
- 25 face of those numbers; and if one exists, it has not



- 1 been established by the testimony or the evidence of
- 2 record in this case. Therefore, it cannot be laid at
- 3 the feet of the statute.
- 4 Moreover, it cannot be laid at the feet
- 5 of the Commonwealth, which has designated an entire
- 6 Department of Aging specifically to reach out to these
- 7 people, to meet their needs, to use things such as the
- 8 Shared-Ride and other programs, to do other things
- 9 including having special people who will listen to the
- 10 complaints of whatever nature and address them.
- 11 And you heard Ms. O'Donnell testify
- 12 that it is her responsibility as point person to
- 13 address the needs and questions, and those are needs
- 14 and questions that have not come to her.
- 15 It also cannot be laid at PennDOT's
- 16 feet. And I know that you hear complaints over and
- 17 over again from Petitioners' side of the table; but
- 18 what you also heard from Petitioners' side of the
- 19 table is that Mr. Rogoff went onto the internet and he
- 20 pulled off a form. He took that form with his
- 21 father-in-law's license, and he mailed it to PennDOT.
- It was one of the 30 million pieces of
- 23 mail that PennDOT got, and guess what? With nothing
- 24 else, with no trip, with no phone call, with no prior
- 25 action, PennDOT processed that surrender of that



- 1 license for a non-photo ID.
- Now, Mr. Rogoff says that his father
- 3 got an empty envelope, and then there were problems
- 4 with that envelope, that he then had to call and make,
- 5 you know, numerous phone calls.
- 6 But you know what? PennDOT was able to
- 7 say, here's the Department where that letter went,
- 8 here's what happened, and they gave him the substitute
- 9 ID.
- In addition, Mr. Rogoff testified that
- 11 when he walked into his father-in-law's building he
- 12 saw posted on the wall the fact that that facility
- 13 offers compliant ID. If he had chosen to avoid the
- 14 phone calls and the chasing around to find out what
- 15 happened to the card that somehow was not in the
- 16 envelope, he could have simply have gone to the front
- 17 desk of the residence and gotten a compliant ID.
- 18 That is their own witness, Your Honor,
- 19 who sets that up.
- 20 They also have asked the Court to draw
- 21 an inference from the fact that no additional match
- 22 was done. But consistently, they have ignored what it
- 23 was that was being undertaken in order to do the match
- 24 in the first place.
- 25 As Your Honor has heard, the SURE



- 1 database is a collection of information about real
- 2 people, people who are essential to the electoral
- 3 process in this state. It is critically important
- 4 that the information in the SURE database be accurate.
- 5 The SURE database is a system from
- 6 which people -- from which the Commonwealth draws in
- 7 complying with state laws, in complying with federal
- 8 laws, and interacting with the county boards of
- 9 electors.
- 10 When they asked PennDOT to try to match
- 11 the databases, it was so that they could take
- 12 information, information that you have heard was
- 13 required by federal law to be used in registration
- 14 processes and in voting processes, and make certain
- 15 that they had as much of it as possible in the SURE
- 16 database without causing inconvenience to the
- 17 individuals.
- 18 What they haven't said to you is --
- 19 because they have focused on the 759,000 -- wait a
- 20 minute. That means that there were 8 million people,
- 21 roughly, for whom all of the information matched.
- 22 8 million people whose voter
- 23 registration record and whose PennDOT record
- 24 correspond, and who will have no problem with any of
- 25 the federal requirements or any of the state



- 1 requirements because they can rest in confidence that
- 2 all of the numbers correlate. All of the names, all
- 3 of the information, all of the addresses.
- 4 Now, they have also said, well, we can
- 5 look at the SharePoint database and say that the
- 6 SharePoint database is something that doesn't reflect
- 7 anything except inaccuracy; but again, they
- 8 misunderstand what it is that was done and why it was
- 9 done.
- 10 Your Honor heard Mr. Marks testify and
- 11 explain that the Department is completely committed to
- 12 getting voters their cards as soon as they are
- 13 registered and that, in order to do that, they set up
- 14 a system whereby every night the machine will go
- 15 through and it will search and it will populate.
- 16 Here's a match, here's a possible match, here's
- 17 multiple possible matches.
- 18 And every day personnel come in and
- 19 they check and they say, is what the computer found
- 20 really a match? Well, if what the computer found is
- 21 not really a match, then the person still is not
- 22 registered to vote. It is correct that if a person
- 23 still is not registered to vote, there is no card sent
- 24 out to that person.
- 25 You have also heard that in this



- 1 process, as people have come in and tried to get a
- 2 card and have done so with information that does not
- 3 correlate, a date of birth that does not match and an
- 4 address that does not correspond, or a name that is
- 5 not at all the name that is what they're using to
- 6 apply for ID, that the Department of State undertakes
- 7 extra research, sometimes contacting the counties,
- 8 sometimes contact the individual voter themselves.
- 9 Why would they do that? Well, they do
- 10 that because it is important that a person can walk
- 11 into the polls, or can exercise a right to sign a
- 12 nomination petition and know that that will be counted
- 13 because that name is the name by which that person
- 14 really goes.
- So, yes, there are records that it took
- 16 time to find, ways that it took effort to validate;
- 17 and yes, some of those crossed over the time period of
- 18 the November election. An election that is, as Your
- 19 Honor is aware, a presidential election that occurs
- 20 only once every four years.
- 21 You have heard a great deal of talk
- 22 about certain other groups, but you have seen nobody
- 23 from them. They have talked to you about college
- 24 students, these supposedly disadvantaged people who
- 25 can't get to PennDOT.



- 1 And yet, Your Honor has also heard that
- of the 835,000 college students in Pennsylvania, not
- 3 only did the General Assembly specifically contemplate
- 4 that they could use college IDs to vote, so long as
- 5 they had expiration dates; but that these persons also
- 6 in large part come from out-of-state, they travel
- 7 abroad, they have access to other forms of
- 8 identification. And no one came in here and said, I'm
- 9 a college student and I can't get identification to
- 10 vote.
- Now, it is true that the statute does
- 12 not allow for out-of-state driver's licenses to be
- 13 used on Election Day. There's a reason for that.
- 14 If a person considers themselves a
- 15 resident of another state, then that person votes
- 16 absentee in that state, or travels home to vote on
- 17 Election Day.
- 18 If a person considers themselves a
- 19 resident of Pennsylvania, the person can either
- 20 exchange their driver's license, or they can get a DOS
- 21 ID, or they can get a student ID, but residency is a
- 22 requirement to vote.
- The other thing that you have not heard
- 24 about today is you have not heard anything about the
- 25 indigency affirmation. They have told you that it is



- 1 burdensome for some people to get to PennDOT, and we
- 2 understand that, but so does the statute; and the
- 3 statute set in place a provision that said that if a
- 4 person is unable to get ID because of the costs that
- 5 are involved, they can have an indigency affirmation.
- 6 And you heard Mr. Marks testify that
- 7 that affirmation can be filled out at the polls and
- 8 the person will have to do nothing else, will not have
- 9 to come back, will not have to send it in, will not
- 10 have to do anything else.
- 11 Your Honor, there are statutes like the
- 12 Health Care Cost Containment Act that talk about
- 13 indigency. There's also case law that uses a common
- 14 law definition; and the common law definition, as the
- 15 Superior Court has set it, is that indigence does not
- 16 mean those who are completely destitute and helpless,
- 17 although it does include those people; but it also
- 18 encompasses people who have limited means, but their
- 19 means are not sufficient to adequately provide for
- 20 what they need.
- 21 Your Honor, that was from the Health
- 22 Care & Retirement Corp. versus Pittas case which is 46
- 23 [46] A.3d 719. That's a Pennsylvania Superior Court
- 24 case from 2012.
- What that means, Your Honor, is that



- 1 the indigency affirmation is not available only to
- 2 those people who have no money. It is also available
- 3 to those whose money is not adequate for them to get
- 4 to PennDOT to get an ID that is free.
- 5 You have heard testimony about a lot of
- 6 numbers. You have heard testimony, again, in fact
- 7 they put up on the screen for you -- you can look at
- 8 any one of these numbers and pick which one you want,
- 9 just so long as you say that it's large; but the
- 10 problem with that analysis, Your Honor, is that it
- 11 doesn't answer the question.
- 12 And the question is this: If you look
- 13 at what the statute provides, and you look at how the
- 14 statute is designed, is it designed in such a way that
- 15 there will inevitably be large groups of people who
- 16 cannot fit under the provisions of the statute and
- 17 who, therefore, would be put into a position in which
- 18 they cannot vote.
- 19 And the testimony that you have heard
- 20 is exactly the opposite of that. The testimony that
- 21 you have heard is that there are not large groups of
- 22 such people, and they have played fast and loose with
- 23 some of their expert data.
- 24 For example, and probably one of the
- 25 most egregious things that we heard here, you heard



- 1 Dr. Siskin say, and you heard counsel say to
- 2 Dr. Wecker later, well, you know, a 15% error rate
- 3 isn't really a problem because there's still a 15%
- 4 error rate the other direction.
- 5 Your Honor, what that really is saying
- 6 is that one out of every three names that Dr. Wecker
- 7 has looked at -- I mean, Dr. Siskin has looked at, one
- 8 out of every three of those is wrong. It just might
- 9 be wrong in a different way.
- 10 That is the opposite of the standard of
- 11 reliability on which this Court relies when
- 12 determining whether it's going to accept expert
- 13 testimony.
- 14 You also heard Dr. Wecker say, when I
- 15 looked at these data, I was very concerned. Why am I
- 16 concerned? I'm concerned because the data have to be
- 17 looked at in the light of reality; and the reality is
- 18 that people die, that people move out of state, that
- 19 people get incarcerated. And Dr. Siskin took none of
- 20 those people into account.
- In fact, after Dr. Wecker pointed out
- 22 that he didn't even bother to use the deceased code in
- 23 the PennDOT database, he said, oh, okay. I'll just
- turn on that code and I'll find 17,000 dead people and
- 25 I'll say, those people can't vote, but I won't look



- 1 further. I won't look to the fact that according to
- 2 the statistics provided so far by the Department of
- 3 Health, no one in Pennsylvania has died in 2013.
- 4 Your Honor, that is an incredible
- 5 statement, and it's incredible because we know it's
- 6 not true, that there are people who have died in 2013;
- 7 and what is true is that the backlog is such that we
- 8 don't have those statistics yet.
- 9 Might a person who has died have an
- 10 expired PennDOT ID? I'm certain that happens, but can
- 11 you impugn and overcome the presumptions against the
- 12 Constitutionality of this statute based upon an
- 13 estimate that ignores whether a person has died?
- 14 You heard Kurt Myers here testifying
- 15 about the people who moved out of state and the fact
- 16 that it is optional to determine whether they're going
- to take an out-of-state driver's license and exchange
- 18 it and send it back.
- 19 You cannot say that a person who's
- 20 still in the PennDOT database, who is now happily
- 21 living in one of the other 49 states or in any other
- 22 country, that the fact that that is an expired license
- 23 has any meaning whatsoever unless you know whether
- 24 those people are in Pennsylvania.
- It is not true that a person who moves



- 1 to Maryland cannot vote. What is true is that a
- 2 person who moves to Maryland will vote in Maryland.
- Further, you have heard how the people
- 4 who are in the correctional institutions, who are
- 5 felons cannot vote, and how those who are
- 6 misdemeanants can vote but they vote absentee.
- 7 Dr. Siskin took no account of those
- 8 people, no account of the fact that those people also
- 9 are likely to have mismatches, likely to have expired
- 10 licenses. Instead, he simply said, well, I wasn't
- 11 really looking for specifics.
- But if you're not looking for
- 13 specifics, how can those numbers be of any value to
- 14 the Court whatsoever?
- 15 More troubling than that, Dr. Wecker
- 16 said, what Dr. Siskin did was to do the first step of
- 17 an analysis. Dr. Siskin found a cachement. He found
- 18 a universe, and a universe from which one could
- 19 ascertain whether there actually were people who
- 20 lacked a form of identification.
- 21 But in order to find that, you would
- 22 have to narrow that universe and make phone calls and
- 23 visit people and actually determine whether there was
- 24 a need; and he then pointed you to Dr. Siskin's
- 25 report, Section 6, where Dr. Siskin said that he took



- 1 a group of people, but he doesn't tell you how many,
- 2 and he doesn't tell you how he found them.
- 3 He gave that list of people to
- 4 Petitioners' counsel; and after he gave that list of
- 5 people to Petitioners' counsel, suddenly, he got back
- 6 eight names, and he was asked to verify that according
- 7 to his database match, those eight names did not have
- 8 a form of ID.
- 9 Those eight names, Your Honor, are
- 10 names from which the people who appeared here
- 11 testified. So, if you were to accept what Dr. Wecker
- 12 said that Dr. Siskin should do, and if you were to
- 13 look at the only evidence of that that has been put
- into this record, you would then weigh the testimony
- of those people who came from that process and ask
- 16 yourself, does that tell me that this is a statute
- 17 that cannot work? And the answer to that would be no.
- Now, you heard today that Dr. Marker
- 19 supposedly came up with completely new and different
- 20 information; but you heard Dr. Marker, you listened to
- 21 him testify. He didn't come up with new or different
- 22 information.
- What he did instead was to look at part
- of what Dr. Barreto had done; and to say, well, you
- 25 know, I think it might be reasonable that Professor



- 1 Barreto acted in this way in June 2012; and I am not
- 2 going to comment on the fact that Judge Simpson, who
- 3 sat there and watched him and listened to him, found
- 4 him incredible.
- 5 He said, I'll just say that we can look
- 6 at these numbers and they look reasonable to me. But
- 7 Your Honor heard the examination that went on, heard
- 8 how out of all of the questions and answers he had
- 9 only looked at a small subset, heard how he did not
- 10 even bother to compare the questions to the statute
- 11 itself, and didn't have any clue as to whether it
- 12 might have confused people that Dr. Barreto had added
- 13 the word "official" in front of each of the sorts of
- 14 identification that he was asking about, words that
- 15 never appeared in the statute.
- 16 He could not comment on any of those
- 17 things. And to the extent that Your Honor would like
- 18 to second-guess what Judge Simpson did in a
- 19 credibility determination, and I actually think that
- 20 you wouldn't like to, Dr. Marker had not redone enough
- 21 of it in order to be able to provide you with any data
- 22 on which you could rely.
- 23 In addition, Dr. Marker has testified
- 24 that there might be times in which it might be
- 25 important to redo the assessment, but he did not. He



- 1 did not redesign the instrument. He did not go back
- 2 and call a new group of people. He did not say, now
- 3 that it has been in place a year, are there people who
- 4 lack forms of identification?
- 5 In fact, Your Honor, you heard
- 6 testimony that for things such as the number of
- 7 colleges and universities getting compliant forms of
- 8 identification and the number of care facilities that
- 9 are giving compliant forms of identification, that
- 10 those things have evolved since the statute was
- 11 enacted, and in fact are being kept track of by the
- 12 Department of Aging, the Department of Health, the
- 13 Department of Public Welfare for the care facilities,
- 14 and are being kept track of by the Department of State
- 15 for the colleges and universities.
- So, whatever conclusions were reached
- in June of 2012 during the two weeks in which a few
- 18 phone calls were made to a subset of the population,
- 19 those things cannot tell you whether the things
- 20 contemplated by the statute, the other forms of proofs
- 21 of identification have been effective. And they did
- 22 not redo that data.
- 23 Your Honor, you heard information about
- 24 the 144, and you have heard today about September
- 25 25th, and counsel would like to put a meaning on



- 1 September 25th that is different from the meaning as
- 2 we understand it.
- 3 As Your Honor is aware, this case,
- 4 after the initial hearing, went up to the Supreme
- 5 Court; and when it went up to the Supreme Court, the
- 6 Supreme Court said, liberal access cannot allow for an
- 7 exhaustion process, and liberal access cannot require
- 8 a person to try to provide documentation first and
- 9 then have those things, you know, fail before you can
- 10 make available the other form of identification.
- 11 When this case was remanded, the
- 12 Department had in front of it the Supreme Court's
- opinion, and it changed its procedures to match what
- 14 the Supreme Court had said that the statute should do.
- 15 The reason that September 25th is a
- 16 critical date is because everybody acknowledges that
- 17 until the Supreme Court had spoken, the procedures
- 18 were what the procedures were; and that going forward,
- 19 the procedures were what the Supreme Court had asked
- 20 the Department of State to do.
- 21 So it is that the Department of State
- 22 differentiated between what it called old process
- 23 applicants, those who knew that they would come in,
- 24 that they would have to come back to PennDOT because
- 25 no card would be issued on the first visit, and who



- 1 therefore received letters.
- Those people, those 150 people who were
- 3 in the old process got added to the SharePoint
- 4 database so that they could be tracked; but they were
- 5 never people who were part of the new process.
- 6 When Mr. Marks looked at the SharePoint
- 7 database back in December of 2012, he realized that
- 8 there were 144 other people who did not fit, and the
- 9 reason they did not fit is this: There had been no
- 10 application for a DOS ID. None of it had been
- 11 transmitted by PennDOT. There had been no call logs.
- 12 There had been no other indicia of anything other than
- 13 a voter registration form.
- Mr. Marks wrote to PennDOT, and he
- 15 said, do you have these cards? Are there 144 people
- 16 sitting out there that I should put into this
- 17 exceptions process? And PennDOT said, no.
- But the thing was that Mr. Marks had
- 19 asked not about 144. He had asked about 194. And so
- 20 now he had a dilemma. Does he take all 194 and remove
- 21 them from the database, or does he know that there are
- 22 144 people as to which there were no applications for
- 23 Department of State ID card, and simply track them,
- 24 monitor them, send them letters, try to make certain
- 25 that they are communicated with?



- 1 He made the decision to keep them there
- 2 because he could not know which people were actually
- 3 affected. Had it been all 194, maybe his
- 4 determination would have been different; but he acted
- 5 to protect the integrity of the people and the
- 6 accuracy of their information, and to make certain
- 7 that no one fell through the cracks.
- 8 They would impugn those actions and
- 9 that course of conduct. At the end of the day, how
- 10 that happened does not have any reflection on whether
- 11 the statute provides for people to get proper proofs
- 12 of identification; but it does show that Petitioners
- 13 are willing to take the data they are given, and to
- 14 make it say something else to try to impose a burden
- 15 that was not a burden that's inherent in the statute,
- 16 nor a burden that is inherent in the process.
- 17 If Your Honor is wondering whether
- 18 there are still cards at the Department of State,
- 19 there are. Because those are persons who have not yet
- 20 been -- had their applications to register to vote
- 21 accepted by the counties; and until they are, and
- 22 until they are approved by the counties to be
- 23 registered to vote, they are not registered voters who
- 24 require a voter ID for voting purposes.
- When this Court undertakes its legal



- 1 analysis, this Court will have three questions that it
- 2 needs to answer because there are three claims that
- 3 have been put before it.
- 4 On one of them, which is their equal
- 5 protection claim, Pennsylvania law is coterminus with
- 6 the law under the Federal Constitution; but in opening
- 7 argument, Your Honor heard a statement that has
- 8 nothing to do with either the Pennsylvania or the
- 9 Federal Constitution, which was that you would be
- 10 asked to measure disparate impact, something that's
- 11 done under Title VII, and something that is not done
- 12 here. We'll talk about that more in a minute.
- 13 Your Honor is being asked to impose a
- 14 permanent injunction against the statute. And they
- 15 have talked to you about a permanent injunction, but
- 16 they have never told you what it is that you would
- 17 need to find in order to impose a permanent
- 18 injunction.
- 19 It's not necessary as it is for
- 20 preliminary injunction to have immediate or
- 21 irreparable harm, but it is necessary for the electors
- 22 to establish that greater injury would result from
- 23 refusing rather than granting the relief requested.
- In order to establish, of course, what
- 25 they needed to do is to set in place, to build up



- 1 through facts and through record their entitlement to
- 2 each of their claims; and they needed to establish
- 3 that everything that they averred in their amended
- 4 petition was in fact true, and they have not even
- 5 attempted to do that, Your Honor.
- 6 Let's talk about the first claim, the
- 7 one that they say is that the statute is unlawful
- 8 because, it's unlawful because it doesn't match the
- 9 law. What they are talking about is the provision in
- 10 the statute -- and you heard Mr. Royer testify about
- 11 it -- where the list of forms of identification are in
- 12 one part of the statute, and then in a second part the
- 13 General Assembly said that notwithstanding the
- 14 provisions of 75 Pa.C.S. Section 1510b, the Department
- of Transportation shall issue an identification card;
- 16 and they would say that that means that the statute
- 17 cannot be fulfilled because 75 Pa.C.S. Section 1510b
- 18 actually contemplates a kind of secure identification
- 19 that will not allow for the lack of documentation for
- 20 things such as the DOS ID.
- But the statute, Act 18, says
- 22 notwithstanding the provisions. In other words, the
- 23 Department of State and PennDOT were to work together
- 24 in order to find a form of identification that could
- 25 meet the requirements of the law and still not



- 1 compromise PennDOT's obligations under Title 75; and
- 2 that they did.
- 3 That's in compliance with the law.
- 4 That is implementing the law. That is administering
- 5 the law. That is indubitably the task that is given
- 6 to the Department of State under the law.
- Now, they stood up here today and said,
- 8 but, Your Honor, you don't understand. Theoretically
- 9 it's possible that the DOS ID could someday be done
- 10 away with. Well, as Your Honor knows, technology is
- 11 changing even before our very eyes.
- 12 Theoretically, it is possible that
- 13 there would be a form of identification that would not
- 14 require the DOS ID to exist; but that does not impugn
- 15 the fact that until such a thing is developed, if it
- 16 is ever developed, that the statute provides for
- 17 precisely what the Department of State ID does.
- 18 You heard nothing about whim, nothing
- 19 about officials who would try to undermine what the
- 20 statute requires, and there is no basis for making
- 21 such an assumption.
- In their pretrial briefing they cited
- 23 to United States versus Stevens, which was a case
- 24 arising under the Animal Cruelty Statute, where the
- 25 government came into court and said, you don't



- 1 understand, I'm not going to prosecute, I'm just going
- 2 to call these people criminals.
- Well, understandably, the Court was
- 4 skeptical as to those kinds of representations, but
- 5 you have heard nothing like that here, and in part,
- 6 the reason you have heard nothing like that here is
- 7 because this is not a case where they're looking at
- 8 the plain language of the statute and trying to avoid
- 9 it.
- This is a case where the Department of
- 11 State is looking at the plain language of the statute,
- 12 and is implementing it.
- 13 You also heard statements here about
- 14 free and equal, and the free and equal quarantee under
- 15 the Pennsylvania Constitution. The Pennsylvania
- 16 Constitution, as case law has construed it, says that
- 17 "an election is free and equal when it is public and
- 18 open to all qualified electors alike, when every voter
- 19 has the same right as any other voter, and when each
- 20 voter under the law has the right to cast his ballot
- 21 and have it honestly counted, and when the regulation
- 22 of the right to exercise the franchise does not deny
- 23 the franchise itself, and the constitutional rights of
- 24 the qualified elector are not subverted or denied."
- In that process, the Supreme Court has



- 1 said repeatedly that that right, that free and equal
- 2 guarantee, does not impact the evidence that's
- 3 required to prove the elected franchise or to say that
- 4 a person who comes before does not have an obligation
- 5 to prove that that person is who that person says that
- 6 that person is.
- 7 Those kinds of qualifying requirements
- 8 are reasonable classifications, and thus, it is that
- 9 in City Council of the City of Bethlehem versus
- 10 Marcincin, for example, the Court said that
- 11 "qualifying requirements are reasonable
- 12 classifications, and that things such as saying that
- 13 an elected Mayor can only serve two terms does not
- 14 deny the franchise and does not dilute the vote of any
- 15 segment of the constituency."
- 16 What the Court has before it here is
- 17 something that is of the same caliber. It is a way to
- 18 determine that the person who comes to cast a vote is
- 19 the person who has the right to cast a vote, because
- 20 it is the person who is the registered elector.
- Your Honor, they have not talked to you
- 22 about equal protection, but equal protection is also a
- 23 guarantee under the Pennsylvania Constitution; and it
- 24 is not something that is demonstrated by disparate
- 25 impact, which is what they said in opening argument



- 1 that they wanted to show, and as to which they did
- 2 nothing other than put on Dr. Siskin's numbers, where
- 3 he took a portion of the statute, and said, well, the
- 4 elderly may be more likely not to have a PennDOT ID,
- 5 therefore, there's a disparate impact from the
- 6 statute.
- 7 That's not a disparate impact from the
- 8 statute. That's a disparate impact from his
- 9 assessment of PennDOT ID. He also acknowledged that
- 10 some of the ways in which some ethnic groups construct
- 11 their names might be more likely to give rise to a
- 12 mismatch, not because that person is affected by Act
- 13 18, but because that person may have a name recorded
- 14 as a middle name in one database and a last name in
- 15 another. That is not disparate impact.
- But more importantly, Your Honor,
- 17 you're being called upon to apply the law as the law
- 18 exists; and Your Honor sat on the Meggett versus
- 19 Pennsylvania Department of Corrections case where a
- 20 party tried to bring disparate impact in to say that
- 21 the way that hairstyles were required under the prison
- 22 regulations was unconstitutional.
- The Court said there that disparate
- 24 impact has no place in a constitutional equal
- 25 protection analysis. More to the point, the Court



- 1 said the same thing in Nixon in which you wrote both
- 2 the concurrence and the dissent; and that, of course,
- 3 is an election case.
- 4 And in the authorities that were relied
- 5 on in Nixon, the Court said the power to regulate
- 6 elections is legislative, and it has always been
- 7 exercised by the lawmaking branch of the government.
- 8 Errors of judgment in the execution of the legislative
- 9 power or mistaken views as to the policy of the law or
- 10 the wisdom of the regulations do not furnish grounds
- 11 for declaring an election law invalid unless there is
- 12 a plain violation of some constitutional requirement.
- 13 Legislation may be enacted which regulates the
- 14 exercise of the elected franchise and that does not
- 15 amount to a denial of the franchise itself.
- 16 Your Honor will recall that when you
- 17 sat on the Nixon en banc panel that you thought that
- 18 Nixon did not go far enough, and you would have gone
- 19 further.
- Now, there is a reason that they want
- 21 to use a different equal protection analysis, and it
- 22 is something else that you have not heard anything
- 23 about. The United States Supreme Court, when it
- 24 decided Crawford versus Marion County Election Board,
- 25 considered many of the same issues that they're asking



- 1 to you reconsider.
- 2 Under the federal equal protection
- 3 analysis -- and of course, as Your Honor is aware, in
- 4 Hereford, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania said
- 5 there's no reason to look beyond how the federal
- 6 courts construe the federal equal protection analysis
- 7 when looking to the way Pennsylvania would do it.
- 8 And in Marion County, the lead opinion
- 9 said, "it's true that a photo identification
- 10 requirement imposes some burdens on voters that other
- 11 methods of identification do not share. For example,
- 12 a voter may lose his photo identification, may have
- 13 his wallet stolen on the way to the polls, or may not
- 14 resemble the photo in the identification because he
- 15 recently grew a beard, but burdens of that sort arise
- 16 from life's vagaries, and they are neither so serious
- 17 nor so frequent as to raise any question about the
- 18 constitutionality of the underlying statute.
- 19 Moreover, the availability of the right to cast a
- 20 provisional ballot provides an adequate remedy for
- 21 problems of that character."
- 22 Your Honor has heard argument here
- 23 about how exactly those burdens should be used to
- 24 invalidate the law, how we should look at whether they
- 25 might have lost their ID, at whether they might have



- 1 forgotten their wallet; and here, as in Indiana, there
- 2 is a provisional ballot provision, which is an
- 3 adequate remedy to overcome the vagaries of life that
- 4 were contemplated.
- 5 In addition, Your Honor, the Eleventh
- 6 Circuit looked in Common Cause of Georgia versus
- 7 Billups at a similar law, and they have talked a
- 8 little bit about the Georgia law. It said as well
- 9 that the very things that they are saying violate
- 10 equal protection do not, that this was not a burden
- 11 that was undue or significant.
- 12 What was interesting about Billups is
- 13 that Billups sought to establish -- the NAACP sought
- 14 to establish in Billups that the way you should
- 15 measure the burden is by conducting a match.
- 16 What is interesting is that the NAACP
- 17 and the voters came to the Eleventh Circuit and they
- 18 said, we can establish from our match that there are
- 19 between 289,000 and 505,000 voters who lack a photo
- 20 identification issued by the Georgia Department of
- 21 Driver Safety, and it is implausible that a
- 22 significant number of those registered voters would
- 23 have another form of approved photo ID.
- 24 And applying the analysis from Marion
- 25 County, the Eleventh Circuit said, that argument



- 1 fails.
- 2 It found the data relied on by the
- 3 NAACP and the voters as incomplete and unreliable, as
- 4 failing to account for the other forms of
- 5 identification acceptable under the statute, and as
- 6 containing inaccuracies.
- 7 The same is true in the match that they
- 8 have put forth here. The numbers in Billups might
- 9 sound strangely familiar because 200,000 and 500,000
- 10 are numbers that they've asked you to take into
- 11 consideration there. What is interesting is that in
- 12 Georgia, they have had a six-year period from 2005 to
- 13 2011 in which they have reported their statistics, and
- 14 27,000 identification cards were identified during --
- 15 were issued during that entire six-year period, half
- of which were issued in the presidential election year
- 17 2008.
- When you look at the numbers here on P
- 19 2,072, there have been roughly 13,000 PennDOT IDs for
- 20 voting and just under 4,000 Department of State IDs
- 21 that have been issued, numbers that actually exceed
- 22 the numbers that you would have seen in Georgia during
- 23 a presidential election year.
- While they call your attention to
- 25 September 25th for one purpose, you can also look at



- 1 September 25th for another; and that is this: In
- 2 order to vote in the November general election, a
- 3 person needed to be registered, to have applied to
- 4 register by October 9th, and so, the number of cards
- 5 issued before September 25th would have been very
- 6 significant because those would have been the people
- 7 who were trying to a proof of identification prior to
- 8 the injunction, and who were trying to get the
- 9 identification to vote in that November election.
- 10 Your Honor, the Secretary was charged
- 11 with working with the Department of Transportation to
- 12 insure that a free form of proof of identification was
- 13 available to anyone who needed it to vote, to prepare
- 14 and disseminate information to the public, and to
- 15 oversee a soft rollout.
- 16 Upon examining what the Respondents had
- done in the first four months since Act 18 was signed
- into law, the Supreme Court said, given reasonable
- 19 voter education efforts, reasonably available means
- 20 for procuring identification, and reasonable time
- 21 allowed for implementation, the appellants apparently
- 22 would accept that the state may require the
- 23 presentation of an identification card as a
- 24 precondition to casting a ballot; and not withstanding
- 25 their representation to the Supreme Court, the



- 1 Petitioners here have rejected reason in favor of
- 2 asking that the Department of State be held to be both
- 3 omniscient and omnipotent and in some cases
- 4 omnipresent as well.
- 5 They asked that the law be enjoined
- 6 unless the Department of State knows the source of
- 7 proofs of identification that each voter possesses or
- 8 does not possess, insures that there be not just
- 9 outreach, but that the Department of State somehow
- 10 assess whether everybody has understood everything
- 11 that has been told to them and has followed up on it
- 12 in a suitable way.
- 13 Your Honor, that's not only not the
- 14 law, it's also not good policy. Since at least the
- 15 last administration, the mission of the Department of
- 16 State under the leadership of the Secretary of the
- 17 Commonwealth, and as posted on its website, has been
- 18 to promote the integrity of the electoral process, to
- 19 provide the initial infrastructure for economic
- 20 development through corporate organizations and
- 21 transactions, and to protect the health, safety, and
- 22 welfare of the public.
- 23 Similarly, the mission of the
- 24 Department of Aging is to enhance the quality of life
- of all older Pennsylvanians by empowering diverse



- 1 communities, the family, and the individual.
- 2 Both of those mission statements
- 3 reflect respect, and more than respect, they reflect
- 4 esteem for individuals. They don't reflect a
- 5 patronizing attempt to mandate that a person have a
- 6 compliant ID.
- 7 They instead reflect a respect that
- 8 says, we will do whatever is possible, whatever is
- 9 necessary, and whatever is legal and lawful to make
- 10 certain that anyone who wants ID can get it, and
- 11 having it, can use it to vote at an election.
- 12 And that, Your Honor, is exactly what
- 13 the Constitution requires; and that, Your Honor, is
- 14 exactly what Act 18 contemplates will happen.
- Now, we started the trial with a lot of
- lofty promises, but those lofty promises have not been
- 17 followed through. We gave you a motion for compulsory
- 18 nonsuit because there are averments in their petition
- 19 that they made no effort to support.
- 20 You have not heard from all of the
- 21 organizational Petitioners; and in fact, if you look
- 22 at the organizational Petitioners that testified in
- 23 the last hearing back in -- over a year ago, they were
- 24 talking about doing things like getting birth
- 25 certificates, things that are not necessary under the



- 1 law in the wake of the Supreme Court's opinion. They
- 2 have advanced nothing else.
- 3 You have only two individual
- 4 Petitioners left before you because everyone else
- 5 recognized that they had proof of identification; and
- 6 yet, where were those two?
- 7 You have heard as to one of them,
- 8 Ms. Bookler, that she lives in a facility that is
- 9 issuing compliant ID. You have also heard that she
- 10 voted absentee in the last election. But that was
- 11 evidence that the Department of State provided to you.
- 12 You heard no evidence from Petitioners.
- 13 Yet, Petitioners would have you grant
- 14 relief on behalf of somebody who has not come before
- 15 you, who has not substantiated the averments in their
- 16 petition.
- 17 And as Your Honor knows, you cannot
- 18 base a decision based upon an empty record. That
- 19 record was theirs to establish. It was their burden
- 20 to put those things in the record, and they have not
- 21 done so.
- 22 Your Honor, yesterday you issued a
- 23 scheduling order; and in that scheduling order, you
- 24 said that you wanted to look at a preliminary
- 25 injunction, and you wanted to make a determination by



- 1 August 19th.
- 2 Your Honor, the issues that are before
- 3 you are issues of great magnitude, and they are issues
- 4 that require deliberation, and they deserve full
- 5 briefing, and they deserve your ability to go back
- 6 through the record and to apprise what has happened
- 7 and what is happening and what the law requires and
- 8 does not require.
- 9 Your Honor, we all lived through last
- 10 year when there was not much time between August 19th,
- or between the time that Judge Simpson came down with
- 12 his preliminary injunction decision and the November
- 13 election; and we all know about the chaos that ensued
- in trying to accommodate an expedited proceeding
- 15 before the Supreme Court, and then to come back and to
- 16 deal with that, and to move forward.
- 17 Your Honor, given the timing, we know
- 18 that what Judge Simpson said when he came back on
- 19 remand is that there was only one provision that he
- 20 was concerned about in the statute, and that was the
- 21 provision -- not the one that said, you may ask for
- 22 ID, but you cannot require it, but was the provision
- 23 that said, and the ballot will not be counted.
- He would not enjoin the educational
- 25 efforts, he would not enjoin the request for



- 1 identification; but instead, he put a soft rollout
- 2 into place that could extend through the November
- 3 election and that, by agreement of the parties,
- 4 extended through the May election.
- 5 And Your Honor, the Department would be
- 6 willing, the Respondents would be willing to extend
- 7 that through this November's election in order to give
- 8 you the opportunity to deliberate upon these things
- 9 without a time demand hanging over you.
- 10 Your Honor, what you have heard in this
- 11 record is a record of people in the Commonwealth who
- 12 care. People at PennDOT, people at the Department of
- 13 State, people at the Department of Aging, who walk out
- 14 their caring every day.
- 15 Our Supreme Court had an opportunity to
- 16 consider a question arising that involved the SURE
- 17 database recently, in In Re: Nomination petition of
- 18 Gales, 54 A.3d 855, 2012, in which the question arose
- 19 whether there was a material difference in a signature
- 20 on a nomination petition that was signed with Ed
- 21 instead of Edward.
- The Court found that was an acceptable
- 23 diminutive, but there were also people who signed
- 24 Skippy instead of Beatrice, and the Court said, the
- 25 difference lies in whether the signature calls into



- 1 question the identity of the signatory or compromises
- 2 the integrity of the electoral process. And if it is
- 3 not obvious that the signature on the nomination
- 4 petition reflects the same name that appears on the
- 5 elector's voter registration card, absent other
- 6 evidence, the signature should be stricken.
- Now, you have heard a lot of testimony,
- 8 and a lot of argument and a lot of disagreement as to
- 9 whether the Department of State should insure that the
- 10 information in SURE and the information used on an
- 11 elector's ID is accurate.
- 12 Your Honor, the case itself indicates
- 13 why that is important. Petitioners may not care.
- 14 They may want liberal access to be nothing other than
- 15 random access, and to want every name that comes in to
- 16 be given an ID card indiscriminately; but the SURE
- 17 database has meaning, and it is used so that people
- 18 can participate in the electoral process in many
- 19 different ways, and having the information in that
- 20 database be accurate is critical.
- 21 At this stage, Your Honor, the matching
- 22 that is critical for you to look at is the matching of
- 23 the Petitioners' averments and the law with the facts
- 24 in this record, and that's where the greatest mismatch
- 25 lies.



- 1 Thank you, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Thank you, Counsel.
- Marjorie, do you want to talk a break?
- 4 THE REPORTER: I'm fine, Judge.
- 5 Thanks.
- THE COURT: Counsel.
- 7 MS. CLARKE: Your Honor, if I may just
- 8 wait until the full 15 minutes. There it is.
- 9 I'd like to start with Crawford versus
- 10 Marion County that Counsel referred to in her closing.
- 11 Crawford versus Marion County is a Supreme Court case
- 12 that doesn't have anything to do with this case.
- To start with, it was decided under the
- 14 United States Constitution, that the United States
- 15 Constitution does not have an express provision of the
- 16 right to vote that the Pennsylvania Constitution does.
- 17 As important, the Court in Marion
- 18 County repeatedly emphasized that its decision was
- 19 based on a lack of a factual record. For example, the
- 20 trial court found that the Petitioners had not
- 21 introduced evidence of a single Indiana resident who
- 22 will be unable to vote as a result of the photo ID
- 23 law.
- In this case, we have shown the people
- 25 in the -- that the people in the DOS exception process



- 1 that, but for the injunction, would not have had an
- 2 ID.
- 3 Here, witnesses have explained how they
- 4 tried and failed to get ID. We had Mrs. Baker, who
- 5 was told she couldn't vote in May because -- and she
- 6 did not vote in May -- because she wasn't able to go
- 7 and get the ID.
- 8 So, this case is very different from
- 9 the Indiana case because there's a fully developed
- 10 factual record both from last year and this.
- 11 Another difference with the Crawford
- 12 case was it didn't have before it the multiple
- 13 corroborating evidence of all the hundreds of
- 14 thousands of people who lack ID. There the only
- 15 evidence was one expert who the trial court discounted
- 16 as being incredible, but here we have six or seven
- 17 different corroborating sources from different places.
- 18 Another difference is that there was no
- 19 evidence in the Indiana case about how difficult it
- 20 was for people to get to the Department of Motor
- 21 Vehicles. Justice Souter speculates about how
- 22 difficult it might be, but as the majority pointed
- 23 out, there wasn't any evidence in the record about how
- 24 difficult it was to get ID. That, we have here.
- Finally, in Indiana, you have two other



- 1 things: All, all IDs issued by their Department of
- 2 Motor Vehicles are free. They're all free. So, you
- 3 don't have this weighing and judging about whether the
- 4 person really wants it for voting or wants it for
- 5 something else. You don't have people turned away.
- 6 In Pennsylvania, so far, at least, you have.
- We talk about Georgia for a minute.
- 8 Georgia, too, is very different. Again, a case under
- 9 the United States Constitution.
- In Georgia, everybody gets to vote
- 11 absentee, unlike Pennsylvania where you have to have a
- 12 very narrow reason.
- In Georgia they have mobile units, so
- 14 they go out into the community; and most important, in
- 15 Georgia there's hundreds of distribution points. As
- 16 the case went back and forth and up and down, the law
- was amended many times, and at the end of the day,
- 18 there were multiple distribution points.
- Now, I want to talk a minute about the
- 20 other IDs that are available in the law.
- 21 There was no evidence, no evidence in
- 22 this trial about what care facilities are issuing IDs.
- 23 There was no evidence put on by the Respondents. I
- 24 hope that I misheard because it was -- the evidence
- 25 was that the Department of State has not tracked the



- 1 number of care facilities, they have made no effort to
- 2 survey the care facilities.
- 3 So, the numbers, whatever numbers I
- 4 have heard -- and I hope I misheard -- there is no
- 5 evidence.
- 6 The evidence that there is, is when the
- 7 law was being considered, the Department of State was
- 8 aware that most care facilities don't issue IDs. It's
- 9 very interesting that the question of why the
- 10 Department of State didn't do a survey. They did a
- 11 survey for colleges and universities, but there's
- 12 no -- Ms. Sweeney and Mr. Marks testified that there's
- 13 no corresponding survey for care facilities.
- Now, what we do know is we know that
- 15 Dr. -- again, we go back to Dr. Marker and
- 16 Dr. Barreto's survey that, at least as of last summer,
- 17 only a tiny fraction of the people who had -- who
- 18 lacked PennDOT IDs had some other form of IDs.
- 19 So, the care facilities which we have
- 20 heard a lot about is a red herring. We have not --
- 21 there is no evidence that care facilities are doing
- 22 it; and in fact, the evidence is that we -- that they
- 23 have not.
- 24 Colleges and universities. We actually
- 25 did have a college student here last year, Taylor



- 1 Floria; but again, the evidence about colleges and
- 2 universities and whether they're putting stickers is
- 3 in Exhibit 137. Some are putting stickers on, but
- 4 many aren't.
- I want to talk about why we're doing
- 6 this. There were a number of statutes cited to Your
- 7 Honor about the weight that the legislature's
- 8 determination should be making, but the law is here,
- 9 when there is a fundamental right that is burdened,
- 10 the Court must weigh the burden against the
- 11 justification.
- 12 What's the justification that we have
- 13 here? It's not fraud. We know that. What it is,
- 14 is -- there are two things: A tool to deter and
- 15 detect fraud. But what kind of tool do you need to
- 16 deter and detect something of which there is no
- 17 evidence and no one is aware?
- 18 And the justification was in their
- 19 interrogatory 1, which was Plaintiffs' Exhibit 46.
- As far as the other justification, they
- 21 said, was to increase public confidence. But
- 22 Mr. Marks, who is the highest ranking career official
- 23 responsible for elections said he has confidence in
- 24 the integrity of the elections. He has had it for the
- last 11 years, and we haven't had a photo ID law.



- 1 Dr. Mutz, who is an expert in
- 2 communications, testified to a nationwide survey that
- 3 said that the public's concern about fraud is
- 4 infinitesimal, about .1%. She said people are way
- 5 more worried about things like money and politics and
- 6 voter turnout and long lines.
- Now, last summer, House Majority Leader
- 8 Representative Turzai gave his reason, to help
- 9 Governor Romney win the White House. That was
- 10 Petitioners' Exhibit 42. And the Representative's
- 11 common sense instincts about who is likely to possess
- 12 ID turned out to be true. As Dr. Siskin testified in
- 13 his report, Republicans were twice as likely to have
- 14 identification needed to vote than either Democrats or
- 15 Independents.
- So, the governmental interest here is
- 17 weightless at best, or improper at worst. And when
- 18 Your Honor applies the standard and measures that
- 19 governmental interest against the solid, serious,
- 20 severe burden on voters here, we suggest that the --
- 21 that the governmental interest doesn't survive any
- 22 level of scrutiny.
- Now, there was a suggestion that the
- 24 indigency provision in the statute is somehow the ID
- 25 of last resort. But the indigency provision requires



- 1 that people cast provisional ballots. Provisional
- 2 ballots means your vote might not count. It means
- 3 that it's subject to challenge by anyone; and you, the
- 4 voter, may or may not get notified; and it's up to the
- 5 Board of Elections, and the only way you can challenge
- 6 that is to go to the Court of Common Pleas, which is a
- 7 luxury that most people don't have.
- In addition, the indigency provision --
- 9 and when I heard the closing argument -- has two
- 10 pieces to it. It's not just that you're indigent, but
- it's also and you can't afford to get an ID card for
- 12 free -- I mean, that you can't afford to get an ID
- 13 card.
- 14 What Mr. Marks acknowledged when he
- 15 testified is that it would be very hard for someone to
- 16 swear that affirmation because now that the Department
- of State ID card is available for free, it will be
- 18 very hard to tell someone that they -- for someone to
- 19 affirm that they can't get it for free.
- These requirements were exactly what
- 21 they told the poll workers in Exhibit R78.
- Now, we also heard a suggestion that
- 23 absentee might cover -- absentee balloting might cover
- 24 everybody; but as we have heard over and over again,
- 25 absentee ballots are only for a very, very narrow



- 1 category of voters. And in fact, last year only
- 2 24,000 people or so voted absentee.
- 3 This is not going to solve the problem
- 4 for hundreds of thousands.
- 5 Now, there is a -- there was a
- 6 fundamental disconnect about our view of the
- 7 SharePoint database. We want it to be right. We want
- 8 people to get IDs. The problem is, if the database is
- 9 wrong and if the process is wrong and the process is
- 10 flawed, then people won't get the IDs that they need.
- We're very sympathetic to concerns
- 12 about hurricanes and checking out whether the person
- 13 really is who they say they are, like Helen, our voter
- 14 in Schuylkill County.
- But the problem is that Helen won't be
- 16 able to vote; and if we didn't have Act 18, if we
- 17 didn't have this law at all, we wouldn't have to go
- 18 through all of this. That's our concern about the
- 19 SharePoint database.
- Now, finally, we heard that -- we heard
- 21 the quote from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court that
- 22 said that somehow with reasonable efforts and
- 23 reasonable assurances that everyone would get ID,
- 24 maybe an ID law would be acceptable, and that's true,
- 25 but we haven't had -- not this law. This law is not



- 1 acceptable.
- 2 We haven't had reasonable efforts. We
- 3 haven't had a reasonable opportunity for people to get
- 4 IDs. When we have 611 out of 3,000 people who tried
- 5 to get a DOS ID be turned away, that is not
- 6 reasonable. It's time -- the
- 7 we're-going-to-fix-it-in-the-future defense, it's too
- 8 late. It doesn't work.
- 9 What we have got now is we have got a
- 10 pattern, that we have got a trial coming up and
- 11 there's a change and there's urgency and there's
- 12 rushing.
- When we had our first trial, four days
- 14 before the first trial there was an announcement that
- 15 there would be a brand new card that would fix this
- 16 problem, the Department of State card. That card went
- 17 into effect on August 27th.
- In the wee hours of the morning of the
- 19 remand trial, the process was changed again; and then
- 20 they assured people that this time it's going to be
- 21 right. This time everyone will be able to get ID.
- But that turned out not to be true,
- 23 too; and that was what we saw in the SharePoint
- 24 database, and the exceptions.
- During the remand trial, the



- 1 Respondents' counsel assured the Court that the
- 2 Shared-Ride Program would help everyone and we heard
- 3 an allusion to that today.
- 4 But during this year's trial, that
- 5 turned out not to be true. The Shared-Ride Program is
- 6 run by private providers who set their own hours of
- 7 service, their own days of operation, and people have
- 8 to pay. They have to pay unless someone else will pay
- 9 for them.
- 10 What PennDOT does is it offers people
- 11 discounts, but you need an ID to get a discount. That
- 12 was Petitioners' Exhibit 1592 that talked about a
- 13 glitch.
- 14 Another example of last-minute problems
- 15 was on the stand last week when I asked Mr. Myers
- 16 about this policy of not asking voters if they want an
- 17 ID for voting, he said, oh, we'll change it. We'll go
- 18 back. We'll do it. We'll do it better this time.
- 19 Well, that is great, but we asked him
- 20 the same questions last September, and that policy was
- 21 not changed.
- The Respondents have had 16 months
- 23 since the passage of Act 18, and it was they who
- 24 pressed to have the trial now. It's time for an end
- 25 to the promises.



Page 2055 As the Supreme Court said, we are not 1 2 satisfied with the mere predicted judgment based primarily on the assurances of government officials, even though we have no doubt they are proceeding in 4 good faith. 5 We have no doubt they are proceeding in 6 good faith, too, but it is time to put an end to this, and enjoin this law. 8 9 Thank you, Your Honor. 10 Thank you, Counselors. THE COURT: 11 We'll recess. 12 MS. HICKOK: Thank you, Your Honor. 13 THE BALIFF: Court is adjourned. 14 (THE PROCEEDINGS WERE ADJOURNED AT 15 12:13 p.m.) 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25



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