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Keystone Votes Statement on Election Review & Reforms

HARRISBURG (June 9, 2021) – Keystone Votes, a nonpartisan coalition comprising 42 civil rights, civil liberties and good government groups working in all 67 counties to modernize Pennsylvania's election system, today issued the following statement regarding ongoing efforts to update election laws and implement policy changes to enhance voter engagement and security:

"Voters on both sides of the aisle --- and independents, too --- all agree: No one should tilt the scale when it comes to the freedom to vote," said Ray Murphy, state coordinator for Keystone Votes. "Because the safety of the vote is critical to our basic democracy, the legislature can and should move where there is bipartisan consensus: Let election officials start processing mail-in ballots early, so that voters have a chance to fix simple mistakes, and leave enough time to come up with results on election night --- not weeks later. And, if ever there was a time to modernize our election systems and help counties get the technology they need to make the process of casting a ballot more convenient for voters and elections officials alike, then this is it."

Keystone Votes, one of the state's leading and most respected voices when it comes to modernizing Pennsylvania's election process, presented a legislative roadmap to help lawmakers ensure safe, transparent elections that are accessible to all eligible voters. For the full legislative agenda, please visit www.KeystoneVotes.org.

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Keystone Votes, a nonpartisan coalition comprising 42 advocacy and community organizations across the state, has been urging the commonwealth to implement reforms that would modernize the state's election system and update technology to enhance security and accessibility. More at www.keystonevotes.org.