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Senate GOP Unveils Election Reform Plan, But Time is Running out to Secure Passage, Implement Changes, Inform Voters

HARRISBURG (Aug. 25, 2020) – Keystone Votes, a nonpartisan coalition comprising 43 civil rights, civil liberties, and good government groups, as well as large civic engagement organizations with members in all 67 counties, today responded to a broad legislative proposal (S.B. 10) that Senate Republican leaders unveiled last night outlining potential reforms in advance of the November general election.

“Every eligible Pennsylvania voter has the duty to vote in November, and every voter needs to know that the system is safe and secure,” said Ray Murphy, state coordinator for Keystone Votes. “I hope Senate and House leadership and the administration can quickly come to an agreement that actually improves security and access to the November election.

“The longer the legislature waits to act, we risk confusion that disenfranchises voters and undermines confidence in our election system,” Murphy continued. “Not to mention that --- practically --- the longer it takes to make changes, the less time county and state election officials have to implement those changes effectively.

“While this package represents a step forward in forging a potential bipartisan agreement, the fact remains that time is running out,” Murphy concluded.

The June primary exposed several unique challenges facing the state as it prepares for another election during this pandemic. Keystone Votes prepared its own legislative agenda to fix critical reforms. The agenda can be found at www.KeystoneVotes.org.

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Keystone Votes, a nonpartisan coalition comprising 43 civil rights, civil liberties, and good government groups, as well as large civic engagement organizations with members in all 67 counties. The coalition has been working for years to update Pennsylvania’s election system, help counties buy modern machines, and update technology to enhance security and accessibility before the 2020 elections. More at www.keystonevotes.org.