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RNC Claims About PWC Elections are Unfounded and in Bad Faith

Prince William County (PWC) is fully compliant with state law and the RNC is trying to invent a headline to further a political agenda. They are using the threat of litigation and existing clarifications we give officers before every election to fabricate a nonexistent problem.

Our manual fully explains to officers how to identify a Driver's Privilege Card (p. 79) and how to challenge a voter's qualifications (p.114). Our manual has the full list of acceptable identifications issued by the Virginia Department of Elections.

How can you verify this? Because it's fully available to the public online. [Here you go.](#)

I told the RNC's lawyer in a letter dated April 17th we would provide "additional clarification" in a letter to officers – something we do the Friday before every election on a variety of topics. I noted our instructions are "compliant with Virginia law" and we did not change our instructions. I did so to avoid the distraction of frivolous litigation over a non-issue and in a good-faith effort to make sure our existing instructions were clear.

There is obvious bad faith being exhibited here in response:

- The threat of lawsuit arrives 4 days before Election Day for a 3-year-old manual.
- Our elections officers might see 0-2 voters with a Driver's Privilege Card out of 100,000-200,000 voters each election. I told this to the RNC attorney.
- Officers misidentifying valid identification as a Driver's Privilege Card is the most significant problem we have in this area, which can lead to voter harassment.

The PWC Office of Elections has won every statewide and national award for elections in the last year from the Election Assistance Commission, the Virginia Association of Counties, and the National Association of Election Officials. All these awards were won for improving transparency in elections. Our local elected officials of both parties have uniformly and consistently praised our Office's transparency, compliance, and preparation.

Election officials have been subject to years of personal threats and harassment despite the highly competent and nonpartisan execution of elections. This is because of political, misleading, and bloated concerns that, in this instance, could impact 0.0005% of voters (and often no voters). If anything, it disproportionately impacts qualified voters.

The PWC Office of Elections is fully compliant with the law and clarifying potential concerns to officers is a matter of the normal course of business every Friday before Election Day. Even if the issue is exceptionally small, every law matters to us. These are legal concerns to address and shouldn't be used to further political distractions by either party. This type of bad faith behavior will be called out by an Office that has acted with nothing but integrity.