

# **A message from our friend RPV Chairman Ryer on today's Court Decision**

Dear Fellow Virginia Republicans:

Today, the Supreme Court of Virginia declined to block Democrats' illegal and unconstitutional gerrymandering amendment from appearing on the April ballot. Declining to halt this blatant power grab, the Court has chosen to punt, allowing the referendum to proceed and leaving it to the voters to decide.

Now, all of our attention must immediately turn to the existential battle before us. We must be clear about what's happening.

Virginia Democrats are attempting to rewrite the rules in the middle of the game to entrench themselves in power. They are dishonestly and deceptively claiming that their scheme is about "fairness," when in reality it is specifically designed to disenfranchise nearly every Virginian who voted for President Trump. Their overarching goal is to make Virginia Republicans irrelevant.

Their amendment will rig our congressional maps, override the will of the two-thirds of Virginia voters who demanded fair redistricting in 2020, and cement one-party control in Washington. They want to give themselves control over 91% of our congressional seats with just 50% of the vote.

Despicably, they are asking voters to effectively disenfranchise their fellow citizens by approving rigged maps that will give disproportionate power to just a few densely populated urban cores. If their rigged maps pass, millions of Virginians would be ignored and forgotten by Democrats who only care about appeasing urban elites.

If the courts will not stop this unconstitutional scheme, we must at the ballot box.

This is a moment for total unity and total engagement. Every unit must treat this referendum as a top-tier priority. Every Virginia Republican must be activated, informed, and mobilized. We cannot allow confusion, complacency, or fatigue to set in. Democrats are counting on low turnout and silence. We must give them neither.

We will be rolling out messaging guidance, talking points, and voter education materials to assist you in communicating the stakes clearly and forcefully. Our message is simple: this amendment is a partisan power grab that undermines the Virginia Constitution, subverts democracy, and betrays the will of the people.

We must take this argument directly to our grassroots: our volunteers, donors, activists, church leaders, and neighbors. Make calls. Host meetings. Push digital communications. Write letters to the editor. Engage on social media. Turn every unit into an organizing hub.

We have won tough fights before because we were organized, disciplined, and relentless. This will be no different. If we stand shoulder-to-shoulder and execute, we will prevail and protect the integrity of our Commonwealth.

We fight. We organize. We win.

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