

Washington D.C.: □ **Following Attorney General's [remarks](#) in Austin, Texas yesterday on voter ID laws, Congressman Charlie Gonzalez (TX 20) and the Ranking Member of the Elections Subcommittee**

issued the following statement regarding the impact of voter ID laws on American registered voters from participating in our democracy:

“When it comes to voter identification laws here are the facts. Tens of millions of Americans citizens who are eligible to vote do not have picture IDs. They are disproportionately minorities, elderly, disabled, and poor. These groups face greater challenges in exercising what the 14th Amendment calls “the right to vote”. Voter ID laws will impose new hurdles on these voters, increasing the time, effort, and even money they must pay to participate in our democracy. And even the most dedicated and zealous proponents of these laws can’t find evidence of the only kind of fraud the laws might prevent. When you have a law we know will disenfranchise people and can’t prevent non-existent in-person voter fraud, the response is obvious: it is a bad law.”

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