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This year marks 60 years since the passage of the Voting Rights Act (VRA), which marked a transformation in our pursuit of a multiracial democracy. Set for reargument in the U.S. Supreme Court, *Louisiana v. Callais* marks the latest attempt to erode the VRA's protections by attempting to limit how it applies to the redistricting process.

Black Louisianians, who make up one-third of the state's population, organized, legislated, and litigated for years for the promise of a fair and representative congressional map. Finally, they won this fight and achieved a map with two districts where Black voters had a real opportunity to elect their candidates of choice. Now, opponents of Louisiana's congressional map — and the State itself — are trying to contort a case challenging that map into an outright attack on the VRA.

This effort to weaken the ability to challenge and remedy racially discriminatory maps is an affront to the communities who fought, marched, and bled for our right to vote. The stakes of the reargument in *Louisiana v. Callais* could not be higher. ***The Court is listening closely, and now we must all tune in.***

The *Louisiana v. Callais* oral argument is scheduled for 10 AM ET on Wednesday, October 15.

Here's how to prepare:

1. Share with your networks that the VRA is under dire threat. Speak about the case and the fight for fair maps in your communities:

- Find case background and talking points at: bit.ly/LaFairMaps

2. Spread the word and share resources online

- Find case info at: naacpldf.org/case-issue/louisiana-v-callais
- Use this digital toolkit: bit.ly/CallaisToolkit
- Follow and repost @NAACP_LDF on [IG](#), [FB](#), [Threads](#), [X](#) and [@legaldefensefund.bsky.social](https://legaldefensefund.bsky.social) on Bluesky

3. Mobilize on October 15:

- Rally at the U.S. Supreme Court at 9 AM ET →
- Not in D.C.? Host an oral argument listening session in your community:
 - Tune into the rally at youtube.com/NAACP_LDF
 - Visit SupremeCourt.gov or the Supreme Court C-SPAN for argument audio at 10 AM ET

The promise of the VRA and our right to a free, fair, and representative democracy hang in the balance in *Louisiana v. Callais*. Meanwhile, regressive legislatures are trying to overturn every single step forward that the Civil Rights Movement took for our country. We cannot let them win. **Here's what to do:**

- 1. Learn more about your state's redistricting process** and get involved now and in the lead-up to the next official cycle following the 2030 Census.
- 2. Tell your elected leaders** that you want fair maps to stay in place — at all levels of government, now and always.
- 3. Vote like your life depends on it.** Every election. Every time.

FIGHT FOR FAIR MAPS

RALLY

WHERE:
Steps of the
U.S. Supreme Court

DATE:
Wednesday, October 15, 2025

TIME:
9:00am to 11:30am

Talking Points

- *Louisiana v. Callais* is not only about Louisiana. It is about whether communities of color across the country can have fair representation.
- The right to vote is the cornerstone of American democracy, and the Voting Rights Act (VRA) is one of our strongest tools for protecting it. Section 2 of the VRA, which prohibits racially discriminatory voting policies and district maps, is among the Act's most important features.
- 2025 marks 60 years since the VRA became the law of the land. Over those six decades, Black voters and other voters of color have had an abundance of opportunities to make their voices heard. But, over that same period, the tactics used to suppress Black political power have evolved, too.
- Black political power remains under constant attack from majority-white legislatures and core protections of the VRA have been undercut by recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions.
- *Louisiana v. Callais* is the latest attempt to erode the VRA's protections. Opponents of Louisiana's congressional map — and now the State itself — have contorted the case into an attempt to limit Section 2's application to the redistricting process and the promise of fair maps. This effort to weaken the ability to challenge and remedy racially discriminatory maps is an affront to the communities who fought, marched, and bled for our right to vote.
- Louisiana's previous congressional map was drawn after the redistricting process in the wake of the U.S. Census. The old map was passed in 2022 and immediately challenged in court as a violation of Section 2 of the VRA. This lawsuit argued that Louisiana's map weakened Black voting power.
- Multiple federal courts ruled that the VRA required Louisiana to draft a new map that reflected the state's diverse population and responded to persistent racial discrimination in voting. In drawing the new map, Louisiana established a second majority-Black congressional district. That map meant that Black people, who make up one-third of Louisiana's population, could finally have an equal opportunity to participate in the political process.
- Inclusive representation is foundational to a healthy democracy. It ensures that all communities, regardless of race, have a seat at the table for policy decision-making.
- The stakes could not be higher as we approach a decision. When the Supreme Court chose to rehear cases in the past, it was often a signal of deeper engagement, with the results that have expanded, not contracted, constitutional protections. Some of the most important rulings in American history were reargued, including *Brown v. Board*, *Roe v. Wade*, and *Miranda v. Arizona*.
- The Court is listening closely, and now we must ensure they hear us: the promise of the Voting Rights Act must stand — in Louisiana, and everywhere. Our right to a free, fair, and representative democracy is critical to our country's future.