

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024

Statement on the United States Supreme Court Decision in *Alexander v. South Carolina State Conference of the NAACP*
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The right to vote is the foundation of American democracy. Key to that right is ensuring that voters pick their elected officials, not the other way around. The Supreme Court's decision today undermines the basic principle that voting practices should not discriminate on account of race and that is wrong.

This decision threatens South Carolinians' ability to have their voices heard at the ballot box, and the districting plan the Court upheld is part of a dangerous pattern of racial gerrymandering efforts from Republican elected officials to dilute the will of Black voters. Vice President Harris and I are ironclad in our commitment to protecting the sacred right to vote, and we will not stop fighting until Congress passes both the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to restore and strengthen the Voting Rights Act, and the Freedom To Vote Act to ensure fair congressional maps for all Americans.

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