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GUILLEN CALLS FOR VOTER ID COMPROMISE

AUSTIN – Following a federal appeals court against the new Texas voter identification law last month, State Representative Ryan Guillen (D-District 31) reasserted his support for an accessible, transparent, and a fraud free election system.

"It is critical that we, as a state, find a way to promote and support voting rights while maintaining an honest and trustworthy voting system," said Guillen. "It is a difficult balance to make, but working together I believe we can find that middle ground."

Guillen's comments come in response to the actions of the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling which affirmed previous rulings that the Texas 2011 voter ID law does not comply with the Voting Rights Act. The law requires that most citizens must show one of a handful of types of identifications before their ballots can be counted in an election.

Many Texas State officials argue that the law is necessary to combat voter fraud in the state, while opponents argue that the law applies an unnecessary and unfair burden on some voters. The law will remain in effect for the election in November, but Texas – barring an appeal – will need to reform the law.

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