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**NAACP Illinois State Conference Responds to Supreme Court Ruling in
*Louisiana v. Callais***

The Illinois State Conference NAACP joins the national NAACP in expressing deep concern and strong opposition to today's decision by the Supreme Court of the United States in *Louisiana v. Callais*.

Today's ruling represents a serious setback for voting rights and fair representation in our democracy. By further weakening the protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, this decision undermines decades of progress fought for through sacrifice, advocacy, and the enduring courage of those who demanded equal access to the ballot.

This moment calls for clarity and resolve. The erosion of legal protections does not diminish the power of the people—it heightens the urgency of civic engagement. We echo the words of NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson: our democracy is under strain, and the responsibility to protect it rests with all of us.

The Illinois State Conference remains committed to:

- Protecting access to free and fair elections
- Advocating for equitable redistricting practices
- Mobilizing voters across Illinois and the nation

We will continue to organize, educate, and activate communities to ensure every voice is heard and every vote is counted. While this ruling presents new challenges, it also reinforces the importance of participation in upcoming elections at every level.

Our path forward is clear: we must meet this moment with action, unity, and an unwavering commitment to justice.