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PA House Republican Delegation Members Demand Vigilance Against ACORN Voter Fraud

Washington, D.C. –House Republicans from across Pennsylvania joined together today in signing a letter calling on state authorities to heighten their vigilance over the left-wing group the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, better known as ACORN, in the days leading up to the election.

The letter was signed by Rep. John Peterson., Rep. Phil English, Rep. Joe Pitts, Rep. Todd Platts, Rep. Bill Shuster, Rep. Tim Murphy, Rep. Jim Gerlach, and Rep. Charlie Dent. The letter was sent to Attorney General Tom Corbett, Secretary of State Pedro A. Cortés, and the U.S. Attorneys in Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh.

In the letter, the Pennsylvania delegation calls upon state officials to be extremely vigilant in investigating and preventing any attempts to unlawfully influence the upcoming Presidential election by ACORN or any other organization that would submit false voter registrations, encourage or engage in vote fraud, or otherwise use illegal means to disrupt this election.

“The right to vote is the cornerstone of our democracy. It is well known that the left-wing group ACORN perverts our right to vote through voter fraud and intimidation,” said Congressman Bill Shuster (PA-09). “In an election as important as this, fraud will not be tolerated. State officials must scrutinize and act against ACORN and other radical community organizing groups that are violating the law and stealing elections.”

In recent days, ACORN has grabbed national headlines for voter fraud in Ohio, Missouri and most notably Nevada, where ACORN organizers fraudulently registered the starting line-up of the Dallas Cowboys to vote and their offices were raided by the FBI. In Pennsylvania, ACORN has a long track record of illegal activities including:

- In July 2008, Dauphin County election officials have investigated over 100 suspicious applications submitted by ACORN.
- In June 2007, a Berks County woman employed by ACORN was arrested for alleged voter fraud, including falsifying registrations and registering dead people.

- In September 2006, nearly 100 fraudulent voter registration applications were filed in Delaware County, prompting the District Attorney's Office to issue an identity theft alert. All 100 applications were filled out by four individuals working for ACORN.

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