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Dear Chairman Leahy:

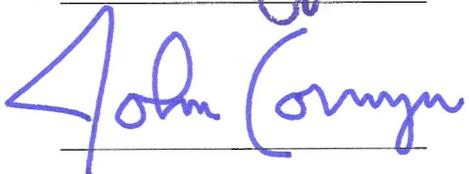
We write to request that the Judiciary Committee hold a hearing in Washington, D.C. to examine the widespread allegations of voter registration fraud committed by the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). ACORN is currently under investigation by state and federal authorities for voter registration fraud in several states, including Pennsylvania, Ohio, Tennessee, Missouri, New Mexico, and North Carolina. The proposed hearing would examine what actions Congress should take to protect the integrity of the electoral system in the upcoming election and to assure the American people that their voting rights are being protected and their vote will not be diluted by fraudulent voters.

As you may recall, last year the Committee held a hearing on the Deceptive Voting Practices bill, which is sponsored by Senators Schumer and Obama. At that time, we urged the Committee to examine voter fraud in addition to the alleged deceptive voting practices and to amend the proposed legislation to include language designed to combat voter fraud. The Committee declined our request insisting that voter fraud is not a significant problem. While expressing his objection, Senator Schumer stated “[voter] fraud [is] not systematic and it doesn’t occur very much.” Notwithstanding, the daily reports of new fraudulent registrations submitted by ACORN expose this fallacy.

Given the widespread and increasing allegations of voter fraud, we believe it is incumbent on this Committee to hold a hearing to examine this issue as soon as possible before the upcoming election.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
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