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Yesterday's court decisions blocking Wisconsin and Texas' voter ID laws caused a mere pause in VoteRiders' work nationwide in assisting affected voters.

VoteRiders has been working hard on the ground in Harris County, Texas, to educate voters on Texas' voter ID law and to assist them with the documents they need to obtain an ID to vote, and they won't stop in this effort. The Texas Attorney General is promising an appeal, and the battle – and ensuing confusion – is not over.

In a note sent to their Partner and supporting organizations today, VoteRiders' Texas Coordinator, Marianela Acuña Arreaza, stated that "while there will be a lot of back-and-forth over the Texas voter ID law in the courts, we want to make sure that everyone will enjoy a seamless voting experience." VoteRiders assures the Harris County electorate that they will continue to help voters to secure their voter ID.

To that end, VoteRiders will continue to actively educate and train all those who are interested; to table; to provide Texas voter ID handouts, posters, training materials and other informative resources; to organize voter ID-related poll monitoring during Early Voting and on November 4; to serve as a voter ID resource; and, most importantly, to reach out to, identify and help voters to obtain the documents required for their voter ID.

According to VoteRiders' Founder and President/CEO, Kathleen Unger, "We are helping many voters who are waiting for their birth certificate, marriage license or divorce decree. These documents may not arrive in time for them to get their voter ID and vote on November 4th. So, on their behalf, we hope the court's reprieve will be confirmed for this election. In any event, we stand ready to assist voters and communities to understand the voter ID law in their state and the impact of recent court decisions."

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VoteRiders is a non-partisan, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to ensure that all citizens are able to exercise their right to vote. Through resources and media exposure, VoteRiders supports on-the-ground organizations that assist citizens to secure their voter ID and inspires local volunteers and communities to sustain such programs and galvanize others to emulate these efforts.