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STATEMENT: Appeal Granted in Arcia v. Detzner

The 11th Circuit Court has just granted the appeal in the *Arcia v. Detzner* case. Fair Elections Legal Network served as co-counsel with other groups in the case, a case regarding Florida's 2012 purge of voters that did not follow the National Voter Registration Act's (NVRA) requirement that list maintenance programs must be stopped during the last 90 days before a federal election. The following quote may be attributed to Courtney Mills, Staff Attorney at the Fair Elections Legal Network:

The Court recognized, as Congress did in constructing the NVRA, that systematic removal of voters from the rolls is a complicated process that should not be attempted just prior to an election. False positives during voter purges put legitimate voters at risk, and conducting a large scale voter purge within 90 days of an election only heightens the risk that these mistakes will occur. We applaud the Court for correctly finding that Secretary Detzner violated federal law with this purge and for protecting voters across the state from future risk of these ill-informed efforts leading up to Election Day.

The Fair Elections Legal Network (FELN) is a national, nonpartisan election reform organization whose mission is to remove barriers to registration and voting for traditionally underrepresented constituencies and improve overall election administration through administrative, legal, and legislative reform.

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