

Elections are won by those who show up

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While the title of this article is a quote from the fictional character Josiah Bartlet on TV's *The West Wing*, this November, that wisdom couldn't be more relevant for Pennsylvania voters. We face a critical judicial retention election that will shape the commonwealth for decades to come. We must show up at the polls to make sure that our voices are heard, and heard more clearly than the out-of-state radicals trying to buy the election.

While national races grab headlines, it's often the quieter elections that have the most profound impact on our daily lives. Pennsylvania's judicial retention vote is one of those pivotal moments that demands our attention—and our participation.

The Stakes Have Never Been Higher

Pennsylvania's courts touch every aspect of life in the commonwealth: from reproductive rights and voting access to workers' protections and environmental regulations. Our judges will decide cases that affect your family, your job, and your community for decades. Do we want those judges to represent Pennsylvanians, or to bow to out-of-state radicals whose only interest in Pennsylvania is to push their partisan agenda?

Radical conservative forces understand judicial power, which is why they're mobilizing like never before. They know how unpopular their positions are and how unlikely they are to succeed with a fair, independent judiciary. Which is why they are trying anything they can to try to win.

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We've witnessed their underhanded playbook in Wisconsin, where millions in dark money flooded judicial races, trying to fundamentally alter the state's highest court. They've learned from their loss there and are now focused on Pennsylvania, pouring unprecedented resources into campaigns designed to reshape our judiciary to serve their agenda, not Pennsylvania's values.

Pennsylvania's Courts, Pennsylvania's Values

For generations, Pennsylvania's courts have reflected the values of its people: fairness, equality, and justice for all. Our judges have protected workers' rights, ensured clean air and water, and safeguarded the voting rights that make democracy possible. This judicial independence isn't just legal theory—it's what keeps Pennsylvania the place we want to call home.

But this independence is under attack. Outside groups with deep pockets and extreme agendas are betting that Pennsylvania voters won't show up. They're counting on apathy, assuming that complicated ballot language and quiet campaigns will suppress turnout while their motivated base changes the direction of our courts.

The Power of Showing Up

Here's what the opposition doesn't want you to know: when Pennsylvanians vote, Pennsylvania wins. Our state's purple politics reflect the common-sense values of working families across the commonwealth. We believe in fair wages, clean neighborhoods, safe schools, and equal treatment under the law. When we vote, these values prevail.

The judicial retention election gives us the power to preserve the courts that protect these principles. It's our chance to say that Pennsylvania's judiciary should serve Pennsylvania's people—not out-of-state interest groups with bottomless war chests.

Every Vote Counts

This November, you have the power to ensure that Pennsylvania's courts remain independent, fair, and responsive to the people they serve. You can send a message that our judiciary isn't for sale, and that Pennsylvania's future will be decided by Pennsylvanians—not by whoever writes the biggest checks.

The choice is clear, but it only matters if you make it. Elections truly are won by those who show up. Pennsylvania is counting on you to be one of them.

Vote YES to judicial retention on November 4th.

Your voice, your vote, your Pennsylvania.
