

**Additional Resources for Beyond Voting - What You Need to Know for the Midterms
September 2026**

Court Cases related to the Executive Order

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League of Women Voters Massachusetts et al v. Trump LWV plus other voting rights nonprofits

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