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On Friday, lawyers on behalf of Republicans began a process with the Westchester County Board of Elections that in effect is a shameless act of voter intimidation. 6,000 residents of Westchester County were challenged by the Republican Party and now live under the specter of a possible police visit. Why?

This is brazen—even by Karl Rove's standards. This isn't a ruse to put a finger on the scale, this is an apparent attempt to influence the election with all eight fingers, two thumbs and 10 toes.

Given that more than twice as many Democrats were challenged than Republicans, and approximately one-third of those challenged were minorities, this appears to be no more than an 11<sup>th</sup> hour-attempt to intimidate lawful voters and discourage them from going to the polls. It's an apparent attack on the spirit and the letter of the Voting Rights Act.

The challenges of registrations are based on allegations that these voters filed change of address forms with the U.S. Postal Service.

Historically, we've learned that these types of tactics have been used across the country to intimidate and disenfranchise voters—especially among minority populations

We will challenge any and every attempt to disenfranchise voters. We are here today to make sure that every vote is counted.

We will not be intimidated. We have to make sure that every eligible voter—regardless of their race, regardless of their party, regardless of where they live—is able to exercise his or her constitutional right to vote, free from intimidation.

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