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Dear Virginia voting rights restoration advocates,

I've just joined Advancement Project as the Director for our "Take Back Your Vote!" Campaign to change the backwards process in Virginia that results in *permanent* disenfranchisement for our friends, family, and neighbors that are convicted of a felony. This outdated law will result in more than 350,000 Virginians being unable to participate in the Presidential election this November! We're fighting to make sure that those Virginians who have paid their debt to society can take back their right to participate in our democratic process.

The clock is ticking for rights restoration applications but there's still time!

Let's push this for the next few weeks so that our friends and family can take back their vote!

**Here are some ways that you can help:**

1. If you have had your rights taken away in Virginia or knows someone who has, ask them to visit [takebackmyvote.org](http://takebackmyvote.org) or call 1-855-LET-VOTE for more information or 1-on-1 assistance.
2. Check out our Take Back Your Vote [video](#).
3. Do you have a story to share? If you've had your rights taken away in Virginia or knows someone who has please contact Richael at [rfaithful@advancementproject.org](mailto:rfaithful@advancementproject.org) or call her at (202) 728-9557 ext. 339.
4. If you know of clinics or other volunteers assisting people with applications please contact Richael.
5. Use our partner toolkit to provide information to your networks about this important issue.
6. Forward this email to your friends.

Advancement Project looks forward to putting our resources to work in Virginia on this critical issue. As a first step, we're providing a tool kit with a wealth of materials in English and Spanish related to the rights restoration process in Virginia. **This toolkit includes our rights restoration process one-pager in English and Spanish; media talking points; social media toolkit; and tips on writing and placing op-eds on the issue.**

I look forward to working with all of you and please look for upcoming information about our Voting Rights Restoration Campaign.

Many thanks for your commitment to voting rights in Virginia,

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