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## **Keystone Votes Issues Statement on Act 77 Ruling**

**HARRISBURG (Jan. 28, 2022)** – Keystone Votes, a nonpartisan coalition comprising 43 organizations that have been working for years to make voting more convenient, more secure and equally accessible for all who are eligible, today issued the following statement after Commonwealth Court struck down Pennsylvania’s bipartisan mail-in voting law.

Please attribute the following statement to **Ray Murphy**, state coordinator for Keystone Votes and deputy director of Pennsylvania Voice:

*“Three million voters can’t be wrong. The lawsuit that led to this decision was nothing more than a brazen attempt to cause confusion and turn a bipartisan election modernization law into a partisan political issue. It’s a stain on the success so many worked to achieve.*

*“Members of Keystone Votes advocated long and hard, and still do, to modernize Pennsylvania’s outdated election laws. We were proud when the Republican-controlled legislature worked with the Democratic governor to pass vote by mail in 2019. We saw how well it worked.*

*More than 3.2 million Pennsylvanians used vote by mail in the last major election in 2020. In the 2022 general election, almost two-thirds of all vote-by-mail voters were over the age of 65. There is no legitimate reason for Republicans to try to overturn a law that so many people are using --- unless they are afraid of giving power to these voters.*

*“Our focus remains on working with voters to educate and inform them, and we intend to do that here so there is no confusion, because this is not the end of the story.”*

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**Keystone Votes is a nonpartisan coalition comprising 43 advocacy and community organizations working to update Pennsylvania’s election system. More at [www.keystonevotes.org](http://www.keystonevotes.org).**