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## **Supreme Court Asked to Review Wisconsin Voter ID Case**

**Washington, D.C.** – The [National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty](http://www.nlchp.org) (Law Center) asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review last fall's 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals decision in Frank v. Walker, our challenge to the Wisconsin voter ID statute. In our petition to the Court, the Law Center argued that the appeals court decision mischaracterized facts found at trial, and applied a flawed legal standard in analyzing both equal protection and Voting Rights Act claims.

Maria Foscarinis, Executive Director of the Law Center, said “After a lengthy trial, the District Court issued detailed factual findings demonstrating the severe impact of the voter ID law on Wisconsin residents, including many who live in poverty or who are homeless, in violation of both the Constitution and federal law. The 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit glossed over those facts and the relevant law – issuing a ruling that should not be allowed to stand. We urge the Supreme Court to reverse this ruling and protect the voting rights of all Wisconsin residents.”

Frank v. Walker was filed by the Law Center and our co-counsel at the ACLU, the ACLU of Wisconsin, and Dechert LLP. The Supreme Court petition was jointly filed with the League of United Latin American Citizens, represented by Arnold & Porter and the Advancement Project. The suit seeks to protect the voting rights of all Wisconsin voters, including approximately 300,000 registered voters who lack the necessary ID to vote under the voter ID law, even though they have been voting for years without any issues. This ruling disproportionately affects voters who are low income and a significant number of homeless individuals who do not own identification.

A copy of the filed petition can be found at:  
[http://nlchp.org/documents/Frank\\_v\\_Walker\\_SC\\_petition\\_20150107](http://nlchp.org/documents/Frank_v_Walker_SC_petition_20150107)

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