

Progressive Baptists Support Hillary Clinton's call for Universal, Automatic Voter Registration

The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. is commending Hillary Clinton's call for voting rights overhaul as they visit DC to restore Voting Rights Act

WASHINGTON, DC, USA, June 5, 2015 / EINPresswire.com/ -- During a [speech](#) at Texas Southern University in Houston, TX on June 4, Hillary Clinton called for universal, automatic voter registration for every American in every state when they turn 18. She urged Congress to restore key sections of the [Voting Rights Act](#), which the Supreme Court invalidated. The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. (PNBC) is commending Clinton for taking a bold stand to not just support restoring the Voting Rights Act, but expanding voting access to all eligible Americans.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the signing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965

Dr. James C. Perkins, President of PNBC states, "The PNBC is in full support of former Secretary of State Clinton's stance to create policy that will end the chance for continued racial discrimination at the polls. The Voting Rights Act is of special significance to the African American community, who have been historically deprived of voting rights and disproportionately affected by voter suppression and ID laws. We are urging every Presidential candidate and all lawmakers who are concerned about protecting the right to vote, especially for African Americans, to support these voting rights efforts."

Clinton will not be alone in the fight to restore voting rights. On Thursday, June 25, 2015, marking the two-year anniversary of the [Shelby County vs. Holder](#) decision that stripped the Voting Rights Act, the PNBC and key lawmakers will gather in Washington, D.C. to urge Congress to take immediate action to ensure that all Americans will have a strong and reconstituted Voting Rights Act.

The PNBC was founded in 1961 to give full voice, sterling leadership and active support to the American and world fight for human freedom. PNBC has an estimated United States membership of 1.5 million people. For more information on PNBC, visit the website.

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