



Action Alert

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From the Desk of NFDW President Gail Buckner

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“This election is up to women,” is a statement made several times by nationally renowned Democratic Strategist Celinda Lake during the September 30, 2022, Democratic National Committee’s Women in Leadership Forum that was held in Washington, DC.

The most notable information provided by Lake was her statistical analysis of the Supreme Court’s overturning of *Roe v Wade* as a key issue for the midterms. NFDW is fortunate to be able to share research and strategies for educating citizens about voting. Lake's slide presentation was previously emailed to state presidents. If you still need that document, send an email: gailbuckner@bellsouth.net.

According to Lake, half of the citizens in our country are unsure about the voting process during this election. This uncertainty has been caused by the numerous voting laws that were changed in at least 18 states. These changes in election code sections have clearly been motivated by the historic voter turnout in the 2020 election. Confusing new regulations in early voting dates, changes in using ballot collection boxes, alterations in how absentee ballots are executed, and other new laws have muddled citizens' confidence in the voting process. One state even made it illegal to give a person standing in line waiting to vote water, food, or a chair to sit in.

Democratic women must ramp up our efforts to educate citizens about these deliberate efforts to limit access to the polls. Citizens should be equipped with phone numbers to report voting irregularities. NFDW members must educate about women's rights to their own reproductive health and demystify voting itself. We must encourage citizens to vote early so that there is plenty of time to make adjustments when unexpected problems occur. Every vote is critical so let’s get citizens to the polls.

President Joe Biden recently said, “These Extreme Maga Republicans don’t know a thing about women, but they’re about to find out in November.” Yes, this election is up to women, so prove President Biden correct. Roeveember is quickly approaching.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Buckner".

President, NFDW

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