

**ITEM H.106
FOR ACTION**

<i>FOR PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE USE ONLY</i>			
A. Finance		E. Corporate Property, Legal, Finance	J. Board Nominating & Governance Subcommittee
B. Justice		F. PC(USA), A Corporation	P. Plenary
C. Leadership		G. Audit	
D. Worshiping Communities	X	H. Executive Committee	

Subject: Comment on a “Resolution to Educate Against and Help Prevent Voter Suppression from the Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns”

Direct the Office of Public Witness to develop advocacy strategies to work against voter suppression and for greater freedom in voting and access to voting, and to share news of these efforts across the church.

Recommendation: That the Executive Committee forward the following comment on Recommendation 6 of a “Resolution to Educate Against and Help Prevent Voter Suppression Concerns,” to the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board with a recommendation to approve and forward to the 221st General Assembly (2014).

Comment:

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Public Witness is closely monitoring federal and statewide voter suppression in some key states including North Carolina, Georgia and South Carolina. These states were chosen based on constituent calls and contacts asking for our advice on responding to voter suppression in their states. We remain actively engaged with local advocates and civil rights organizations in Alabama, Mississippi and Florida whose remain wedded to restrictive voting laws.

Many Presbyterians are involved in challenging voter suppression in their local communities and states. We are witnessing and participating in anti-voter suppression movements on state levels including Moral Monday organizing around voter suppression and legislative trends in North Carolina and Georgia.

This resolution will strengthen the PCUSA’s existing voting rights policy “Lift Every Voice: Democracy, Voting Rights and Electoral Reform.” <http://www.pcusa.org/resource/lift-every-voice-democracy-voting-rights-and-elect/>