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ALERT SUMMARY:

1. **PURVIEW:** State and federal
2. **MOBILIZATION:** [Important information to share, especially with students, re voting on Tuesday, November 4](#)

REPORTS OF VOTER SUPPRESSION EFFORTS

- There have been countless attempts across the country to prevent legally registered voters from voting, especially in the minority community.
- According to the Voting Rights Act, it is a crime to mislead or intimidate voters and prevent them from voting.
- If you are legally registered to vote, it is your right and your civic responsibility to vote tomorrow.

BEWARE OF THE FOLLOWING SCAMS TO PREVENT YOU FROM VOTING!

1. **Everyone votes on Tuesday, November 4.** It is **not** true that Republicans vote on Tuesday and Democrats vote on Wednesday.
2. **You cannot vote by telephone.** If someone tries to get you to vote by telephone, hang up and report the call to 1-888-839-8682.

YOUR VOTING RIGHTS:

1. **According to the MA Secretary of State's Office, if you are NEWLY registered (not voting in a presidential election for the first time but newly registered), you will need to show identification according to a new federal law. Bring identification with you just in case you need it.**
 - If you have a driver's license, U.S. passport, or state-issued identification, bring it!
 - If you do not, bring a document that shows your name and address, such as a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck stub, government check, or other government document.
 - If you do not have any of these forms of ID and are a registered voter, you can still cast a provisional ballot.
2. **Under federal law (Public Law 97-205), if you need help reading the ballot and casting a vote, you have the right to ask for help from a poll worker or bring someone with you who can help. Refer to MCAEAlert #03-09 (10/30/08) for more detail.**
3. **If you make a mistake on your ballot, you have the right to request a new ballot.**
4. **If your voting machine doesn't work or changes your vote to a vote for another candidate, tell a poll worker immediately. You have the right to use another machine or use a paper ballot to cast your vote.**
5. **You have the right to vote in secret without anyone else knowing how you voted.**

6. If you have lost your home to foreclosure, you still have the right to vote.
7. According to a new state law signed by Governor Patrick on October 29, if you moved within the last 18 months and didn't register in your new location, you have the right to go back to your old location and vote in national and state races and the state referendum questions. However, you cannot vote on local issues since you don't live in the old community anymore. Refer to MCAEAlert #03-09 for more details.
8. If you are in line by the time the polls close and you haven't voted yet, you have the right to still vote, no matter how long it takes you to get to the voting booth.
9. **If your name is not on the voting list, your machine is broken, you don't have proper identification, they run out of ballots, or you have any other problems, you still have the right to vote. You should ask for a provisional ballot.**

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO RESOLVE OR REPORT DIFFICULTIES:

- MA Secretary of State/Election Division: 617-727-2828 or 800-462-8683
- Project Vote Smart: 888-868-3762
- National Council of La Raza: 888-839-8682