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Black Leaders Organizing for Communities (BLOC) applauds decision to uphold the will of the people

The will of the people of Wisconsin was made clear with the outcome of the 2018 election with the defeat of Scott Walker and his harmful policies. Black people, especially were tired of being left out of consideration and made their voices heard, being key blocks in rejecting Walker.

Unfortunately, it's clear the Republican Majority didn't care for the will of the people and Black communities with their passing of lame-ducks laws that limited early voting and the power of the democratically-elected, now Governor, and Attorney General.

With the decision of Dane County Circuit Judge Richard Niess to declare the lame-duck sessions unconstitutional, the will of the people is restored. BLOC applauds Governor Evers for his swift instruction of Attorney General Kaul to withdraw from the lawsuit challenging the Affordable Care Act, an action that helps protect health care coverage for thousands of families in Wisconsin.

While the early voting restrictions were lifted earlier this year by another judge, we're glad that this decision further protects early voting, something especially useful for Black and Brown working class voters in Wisconsin who may not be able to make it to the polls on election day. We should be making voting easier for all Wisconsinites, not harder.

BLOC will continue to organize residents and fight back against policies that harm black communities, including by challenging other unconstitutional laws if need be.

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BLOC works to ensure a high quality of life and access to opportunities for members of the Black community in Milwaukee and throughout Wisconsin