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Opinion

We are living in uncertain times, full of promise and fraught with peril. Our nation now faces a fork in the road ahead that will largely determine, not just the future of America, but our planet as well.

After close to a century of American leadership and innovation we now face unprecedented economic challenges from China, India, and Brazil.

We also face new military challenges from transnational terrorist organizations that are secretive and highly mobile. Many of these organizations are sponsored by nations whose interests are counter to our own.

Our citizens are living longer with the introduction of new medicines and diagnostic tools. These citizens want to live as full and productive a life as possible. They want to maintain their independence and dignity as long as possible.

Our children face a world that is increasingly digitized and more complex than ever before. Change is happening at an ever increasing rate and we are struggling to find a way to provide our children with the educational tools to cope with this rapid change.

This is the reason that people have fought and died for the right to vote in our country. This is the reason that the NAACP fought to overturn "Jim Crow" laws that disenfranchised poor and minority voters. The federal courts have over and over affirmed that any impediment to voting constituted an effort to suppress the right to vote, and was unlawful.

To counter Federal Voting Rights Act legislation, Charles and David Koch, who are Chairman and Executive Vice President of Koch Industries respectively have partnered with ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council) and the Center for Media and Democracy. Koch Industries, as a board member of both organizations launched a nationwide effort to pass Voter ID laws.

The Gloucester County NAACP recently participated in a protest march that ended in front of Koch Industry headquarters in New York City, NY. We marched to demonstrate to Koch Industries, that we knew what they were up to and why. We marched to let them know that we fought hard to end "Jim Crow Laws" that we will not let them enact "James Crow Esquire legislation" to replace it.

We will continue to fight against these efforts to disenfranchise millions of voters of their rights until the last Voter ID Law is struck down by the courts. We will "STAND OUR GROUND" to make sure that every American will keep their right to vote and not lose it to self-serving political and corporate greed.

STAND OUR GROUND ON VOTER ID LAWS