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OACAA commends Kasich veto of polling hour extension bill

COLUMBUS —The Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies (OACAA) commends Governor John Kasich’s veto of S.B. 296 on Thursday. The bill would have created voting barriers by making it more difficult to obtain polling hour extensions through a court order.

“Governor Kasich recognized the bill would eliminate judicial discretion in polling extensions which could prevent Ohioans from exercising their voting rights,” said Philip E. Cole, executive director of OACAA. “We commend him for exercising his authority to veto the bill and for not allowing restrictions on the right to vote, especially in those times when there are administrative errors that put the right to vote at risk for some populations.”

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