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## Coalition NEWS

Dear Craig,

To quote President Johnson in 1965:

***"...But about this there can and should be no argument. Every American citizen must have the right to vote..."***

***...It is wrong - deadly wrong - to deny any of your fellow Americans the right to vote in this country. There is no issue of States' rights or National rights. There is only the struggle for human rights."***

**IF YOU DID NOT VOTE EARLY,  
PLEASE REMEMBER TO  
VOTE TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012.**

Sincerely,  
COAL Board of Directors

## Illinois Primary - 3/20/12



Chicago Board of Elections  
Cook County Board of Elections

## VOTING RIGHTS

Terri Johnson

Minority communities across the nation are being targeted in many ways this election season with the goal of limiting our access to the polls.

The grandfather clauses and literacy tests of yesteryear have been replaced by photo id requirements and proof of citizenship laws.

The Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law has created an interactive map detailing what is happening throughout the nation. We must pay attention to what is going on.

In Illinois today, only those who registered by mail and did not provide required id with that application, must bring one of the following to the polls:

- A current & valid Photo ID;
- Utility bill;
- Bank statement;
- Government check;
- Paycheck; or
- Government Document.

Legislation was introduced in February, 2011 in both houses that would require everyone voting to provide a government issued form of identification.

To access this map, go to:

<http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/page?id=0042>

## About Us

The Coalition is a concerned assemblage of African American social and civic organizations who have come together for the purpose of addressing issues and concerns that impact on the well being of the African

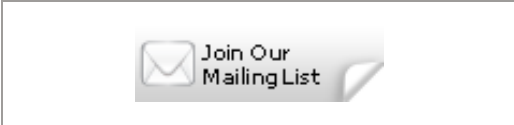
# Coalition Power Breakfast



The next COAL Coalition Power Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, April 7, 2012 at 8:30a.m.  
BJ's Market  
8734 South Stony Island Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60617-2708  
(773) 374-4700

American community. The Coalition is composed of groups that have been in existence for decades, representing a large portion of African American individuals who are at the highest level of educational, economic and professional accomplishments.

The goal of The Coalition is to be cognizant of and respond to issues pertinent to the African American community of a specific or general nature in the interest of having a positive impact on a particular situation.



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