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In support of judges

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On Oct. 31, Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, a senior judge in the District of Columbia, ruled against the Trump administration in parts of the case involving the president's executive order to restrict voting rights.

She entered a permanent injunction that prevented the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) from implementing the worst provision of Trump's executive order: one that would

11 require proof of citizenship to register to vote, such as a passport  
12 or birth certificate.

13 Judge Kollar-Kotelly found that this requirement is an  
14 unconstitutional violation of the separation of powers, given that  
15 electoral rules belong to the states and Congress, not the  
16 president. This is one of many examples of lower court judges  
17 standing up for the rule of law as, of course, they should do.

18 Unfortunately, in these times, judges put themselves at  
19 increasing personal risk in the form of threats, harassment, and  
20 physical violence, when they perform their constitutionally sworn  
21 duty.

22 These courageous judges deserve our visible  
23 appreciation.

24 We encourage others to voice support in public ways,  
25 such as letters to the editor in your own communities, to help  
26 counter some of the vitriol against these judges as they do their  
27 best to hold the line against a runaway wannabe dictator and all  
28 those so willing to do his bidding.

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