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Pennsylvania Steal

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We must hope that a Democratic effort in Pennsylvania to steal the election for U.S. senator <u>has indeed been thwarted</u>. A new state supreme court ruling with its <u>concurring opinions</u> is definitive.

Problem is, a previous ruling from the same court had already been definitive.

Yet not only have election officials been counting unsigned or undated or improperly dated mail-in ballots in an effort to rescue incumbent Democrat Bob Casey from defeat at the hands of his Republican challenger, Dave McCormick, via a rejiggering recount, at least some of the election officials breaking the law weren't even bothering to try to obscure the effort with an "Aw geez, this is perfectly compatible with a reasonable interpretation of election rules and the supreme court ruling" fig leaf.

In Bucks County, county commissioners voted 2–1 to proceed with an attempted election-stealing despite the advice of their own counsel.

Bad as this is, get this: Diane Ellis-Marseglia, one of the two Democratic commissioners who determined that it was okay to count bad ballots, announced that she didn't care about whether she was violating the law. Even though her job is to apply it, not to flout it with revolutionary (or corrupt insider) fervor.

"I think we all know that precedent by a court doesn't matter anymore in this country, and people violate laws anytime they want," she said. "So for me, if I violate this law, it's because I want a court to pay attention to it."

Attention has been paid. We hope it's enough.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.