



## Laws 'irritate' common man

In my opinion, it is asinine for our legislators in Harrisburg, who are alleged to represent us, to spend (waste) their minimal time in session to pass laws that only irritate the common man. We are already inundated with mandates that are costly and raise our taxes.

The law against texting while driving is a joke. It's nearly impossible to enforce and carries a nickel-and-dime fine.

I oppose the proposed voter-ID law. It is not needed. The polls are skillfully and lawfully run. It will just be one more straw that may break the camel's back. It will just complicate our ability to exercise our right to vote.

I have voted every election -- primary and general -- for 64 years. Could I be denied my constitutional right to vote?

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## Voter ID designed to rig elections

Republican legislatures across the country are passing voter ID laws to correct a problem that doesn't exist.

They are deliberately designed to discourage and block voters who would vote Democratic: the poor, the elderly, the blacks, the Spanish and the college kids.

It is a blatant, despicable attempt to rig the election.

Guess what? It's going to backfire! We Democrats are so infuriated by this callous injustice that, come November, more of us will vote than ever before.

And why not? If you're driving a Chevy or a Jeep, thank President Obama. If banks can't rip you off with credit card tricks, thank Obama. Obama hated what the banks did to cause the recession, but he was smart enough to realize that, if they failed, it would have been a 1930s economic depression so he saved them. Did Bush catch bin Laden? No, Obama did. Who blew away Somalian pirates who were hijacking ships? Obama. Has there been a terrorist attack in the United States? No. The list goes on and on.

Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum come nowhere near Obama's intelligence, wisdom and morality.

My wife, Arlene Wade Flory, who died recently, was born a Republican. The first three words she spoke were "I'm a Republican." But Arlene changed so she could vote for Obama and made 75 phone calls for him in spite of her bone cancer.

If Arlene were alive, she'd do it again. Vote Democratic!

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