WASHINGTON, DC – In reaction to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision this morning regarding Northwest Austin Municipal Utility District Number One v. Holder, Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott, senior Member of the House Judiciary Committee, issued the following statement:

"I am relieved that today's U.S. Supreme Court decision leaves intact Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. The decision validates the hard work of Congress, on a bi-partisan basis, in establishing the continuing need for the Section 5 requirements. Section 5 protects voters by requiring that voter jurisdictions with a documented history of discriminatory voting practices submit planned changes in their election laws or procedures to federal officials or judges for prior approval. This provision has proven to be necessary to ensure that voting procedures and rules won't be enacted to improperly restrict the right and ability of citizens to vote."

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