



October 14, 2021

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Chairwoman Klobuchar, and Senators Kaine, King, Manchin, Merkley, Padilla, Tester, and Warnock:

We, the undersigned members of the [Declaration for American Democracy](#) (DFAD) coalition, which includes organizations from the labor, civil rights, environmental, faith, social justice, reproductive rights, and many other communities, representing millions of Americans, write in support of the Freedom to Vote Act (S. 2747). This important legislation will protect access to the ballot, end partisan gerrymandering, counter undemocratic and dangerous election subversion efforts, and help to eliminate the undue influence of dark money in our elections.

We're thankful for your determined leadership on this issue and for the important work of Chairwoman Amy Klobuchar, For the People Act lead sponsor Sen. Jeff Merkley, and Sens. Joe Manchin, Raphael Warnock, Alex Padilla, Tim Kaine, Jon Tester, and Angus King for developing this commonsense path forward.

This revised legislation, which incorporates important feedback from state and local election officials, will ensure no matter which party you support or where you live, your voice and vote will be heard, counted, and protected. Specifically, the Freedom to Vote Act would:

- Respond directly to new laws around the country aimed squarely at making it harder for people to vote--which will disproportionately impact communities of color--by setting commonsense standards for safe, convenient practices like early voting, automatic voter registration and vote-by-mail.
- Protect the integrity of our elections by adding new safeguards against election subversion, such as partisan efforts to remove local election administrators and harassment of poll workers.
- Ban partisan and racial gerrymandering, preventing states from adopting congressional maps based unduly on voters' political party or race.
- Reduce the power of special interests in our elections by ending dark money and strengthening our campaign finance laws.

If enacted, the Freedom to Vote Act will be the most significant, comprehensive anti-corruption and voting rights bill in generations. This far-reaching legislation is also essential to counteract the many voter suppression and subversion laws enacted in nineteen states across the nation.

This bill is a major step forward and we look forward to working with you to further strengthen our country's voting systems throughout this process. We urge you to work with your colleagues to do whatever it takes to get it signed into law.

Thank you again for your steadfast commitment to these vitally important issues.

Signed,

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Action Together New Jersey
AFL-CIO
All On The Line
Alycia Bacon
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
American Federation of Teachers
American Friends Service Committee
American Sustainable Business Council
The Andrew Goodman Foundation
Asian American Organizing Project (AAOP)
Asian Americans United
Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote (APIAVote)
Asian Law Alliance
Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS)
Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs - Austin TX Chapter
Asian Services in Action (ASIA)
Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)
Austin Asian Community Civic Coalition
Austin NAACP
Baltimore County Progressive Democrats Club
Beth Tikvah Congregation Tzedek
Blue Future
Blue Wave Postcard Movement
Brave New Films
Brennan Center for Justice
Business Forward
Campaign Legal Center
Carolina for All
CASE Action
Center for American Progress

Center for Common Ground
Center for Media and Democracy
Center for Popular Democracy
Center for Southeast Asians
Change Begins With ME (Indivisible)
Church World Service
Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW)
The Civics Center
Clean Elections Texas
Clean Water Action
The Climate Reality Project
Coalition to Preserve, Protect & Defend
Common Cause
Communications Workers of America
Compassionate Citizens Foundation
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces
DC Vote
Decode Democracy
DemCast USA
Democracy 21
Democracy Initiative
Demos
Disciples Center for Public Witness
DoTheMostGood, Montgomery County, MD
Down Home NC
Earthjustice
EMBARC
End Citizens United / Let America Vote Action Fund
Equal Citizens
Equal Justice Society
Face the Music Collective
Fair Elections Center
Fair Elections for New York
Fair Fight Action
Faith Commons
Faith in Public Life
Faithful America
Faiths for Safe Water
Fix Democracy First
Fix Our Senate
Food Research & Action Center
Franciscan Action Network
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Friends of the Earth

The Frontline
Future Coalition
Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda
Government Accountability Project
Greenpeace
HeadCount
Heartland Alliance for Progress
Hip Hop Caucus
Hispanic Federation
Hometown Action
Indivisible
Indivisible Acton Area
Indivisible Chicago
Indivisible Common Ground WNC
Indivisible East Bay
Indivisible Euclid, Berkeley
Indivisible Georgia Coalition
Indivisible Marin
Indivisible Media City Burbank
Indivisible Mendocino
Indivisible Missouri Coalition
Indivisible San Francisco
Indivisible San Jose
Indivisible SEMO
Indivisible Sonoma County
Indivisible South Bay LA
Indivisible South Peninsula
Indivisible St Louis
Indivisible Ventura
Indivisible Yolo
International Corporate Accountability Roundtable (ICAR)
Inwood Indivisible
Japanese American Citizens League
Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis
Lawyers Allied to Uphold the Rule of Law (LAUROL)
Lawyers Defending American Democracy
Leadership Conference of Women Religious
League of Conservation Voters
League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis
League of Women Voters of the United States
League of Women Voters Southwest Missouri
Lift Our Vote
Main Street Alliance
Maine Citizens for Clean Elections

Mainers for Accountable Leadership
March On
Michiganders for Fair and Transparent Elections
Missouri Action Alliance
Missouri Jobs with Justice
Missouri Voter Protection Coalition
MOVE Texas Action Fund
Movement Advancement Project
MoveOn
NASW WV
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Association of Social Workers
National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA (NCC)
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis
National Education Association
National Employment Law Project
National Organization for Women
National Partnership for Women & Families
The National Vote
National Voter Corps
Natural Resources Defense Council
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
New American Leaders Action Fund
New Mexico Asian Family Center
NextGen America
OCA – Asian Pacific American Advocates
OCA-Greater Houston
Ohio Women's Alliance
Ohio Women's Alliance Action Fund
Open Democracy Action
Open The Government
Our Future West Virginia
Our Revolution
Our Vote Texas
PA Budget and Policy Center
People For the American Way
People's Action
The People's Lobby
PFLAG National
Poder Latinx
Poligon Education Fund
Progressive Democrats of America
Progressive Turnout Project

Project On Government Oversight (POGO)
Protect Democracy
Public Citizen
Reclaim Our Democracy
RepresentUs New Mexico
Rise Up WV
Rock the Vote
Secure Elections Network
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Sierra Club
Sister District Project San Francisco
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team
Sisters of St. Joseph Brentwood, NY Office of Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation
Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange
Sisters of St. Mary of Namur
Sojourners
Southern Appalachian Labor School
Southwest Missouri Voter Protection Coalition
SpeakingintheKeyofWE
Stand Up America
State Voices
Students Against Voter Suppression
Summit Area Indivisible
The Climate Reality Project
The Frontline
The National Vote
The People's Lobby
The Workers Circle
Transparency International — U.S. Office
Tri-Lakes League of Women Voters
Truth and Democracy Coalition
20/20 Vision
Un-PAC
UnidosUS
Union for Reform Judaism
Union of Concerned Scientists
Unitarian Universalist Association
Unitarian Universalist Justice Ohio
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice
UNITE HERE Local 11
United Food and Commercial Workers International Union
United Vision for Idaho
URGE: Unite for Reproductive and Gender Equity
Venice Resistance

Voice of Vietnamese Americans
Voices for Progress
Vote.org
We The People-PA
West Virginians for Affordable Health Care
When We All Vote
Wisconsin Democracy Campaign
Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice
Women's March West Virginia
The Workers Circle
WV Citizen Action Group