



February 5, 2021

RE: More than 150 Groups urge support for the For the People Act (H.R. 1/S. 1)

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of the below organizations representing tens of millions of Americans, we write in strong support of H.R. 1/S. 1, the For the People Act. This transformational democracy reform package would help return power to everyday American families and amplify the voices of communities that have historically been marginalized in our democracy.

For far too long, special interests, wealthy donors, and vote suppressors have dominated our politics and attempted to silence the voices of everyday Americans, especially in Black and Brown communities. The For the People Act would help shift power away from bad actors and transfer it to “we the people.”

The 2020 election has underscored the urgent need for transformational democracy reform. Across the nation, Americans experienced unprecedented voter suppression, historic levels of dark money spent to drown out the voices of everyday Americans, and rampant ethical abuses. One bill, the For the People Act, addresses many of these problems. Therefore, we are urging Congress to make this pro-voter, anti-corruption legislation a first priority in the 117th Congress.

Common-sense reforms in the For the People Act, most of which are deeply popular across the political spectrum and have passed in many states and localities, aim to accomplish three overarching goals: (1) protecting and strengthening the sacred right to vote, (2) ending the dominance of big money in politics, and (3) implementing anti-corruption, pro-ethics measures to clean up government.

Many of the critical issues that our nation faces -- ensuring quality, affordable health care, creating good paying jobs, combating climate change, and achieving racial justice, to name just a few -- cannot be fully solved until we fix our broken democracy. Wealthy special interests have too strong of a grip on the status quo, and we need to first unlock this stranglehold that they have on our political system.

We therefore urge you to support and vote for H.R. 1/S. 1, the For the People Act, early in the 117th Congress to help put the people back in charge of our democracy.

Sincerely,

Declaration for American Democracy (DFAD)
African American Ministers In Action
American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
American Friends Service Committee
American Promise
Americans for Financial Reform
Americans for Tax Fairness
Bend The Arc
Brady United Against Gun Violence
Brennan Center for Justice
Center for American Progress
Center for Disability Rights
Center for Media and Democracy
Center for Popular Democracy
Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW)
Clean Water Action
Climate Law & Policy Project
Climate Reality Project
Coalition to Stop Gun Violence
Common Cause
Communications Workers of America
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces
DC Vote
Defend Democracy
DemCast USA
Democracy 21
Democracy Initiative
Democracy Matters
Democratic Policy Center
Earthjustice
Earthworks
Endangered Species Coalition
End Citizens United // Let America Vote Action Fund
Equal Citizens
Faith in Public Life
Faithful America
Fix Democracy First
Franciscan Action Network
Free Speech For People
Friends of the Earth U.S.
Government Accountability Project

GreenLatinos
Greenpeace USA
Herd on the Hill
Hispanic Federation
JPIC Committee of USA/Haiti Province of Religious of Jesus and Mary
Ladies Who Launch
Lawyers for Good Government (L4GG)
Leadership Conference of Women Religious
League of Conservation Voters
League of Women Voters of the United States
Main Street Alliance
March for Our Lives
Maryknoll Sisters
Mi Familia Vota
Moms Demand Action
MomsRising
NARAL Pro-Choice America
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities
National Association of Social Workers
National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA (NCC)
National Council of Jewish Women
Natural Resources Defense Council
Network for Responsible Public Policy
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
New American Leaders/New American Leaders Action Fund
Oil Change U.S.
Pax Christi USA
People Demanding Action
People For the American Way
People's Action
Poligon Education Fund
Population Connection
Pride at Work
Progressive Turnout Project
Protect Democracy
Public Citizen
Public Wise
Publish What You Pay-US
Reclaim Our Democracy
Rock the Vote
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Sierra Club
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team
Small Planet Institute
Stand Up America

Stand for Children
The Loyal Opposition
The Workers Circle
Transparency International U.S. Office
Unitarian Universalist Association
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice
United Food and Commercial Workers International Union
URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity
Vote.org
We Are Casa
Woman's National Democratic Club
#VOTEPROCHOICE
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Selected State/Local Organizations

Arizona

Arizona Advocacy Network
Chispa Arizona
Fuerte Arts Movement
Living United for Change in Arizona (LUCHA)
National Council of Jewish Women Arizona
Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona
Progress Arizona
Rural Arizona Action
Sierra Club - Grand Canyon (Arizona) Chapter

Nevada

Chispa Nevada
MPower 360
Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada
Silver State Equality-Nevada

New Hampshire

Coalition for Open Democracy and Open Democracy Action
Indivisible New Hampshire
New Hampshire Independent Voters
NH Ranked Choice Voting
New Hampshire Voters Restoring Democracy
New Hampshire Youth Movement
NH Sierra Club
350 New Hampshire
603 Forward

Virginia

Activate Virginia

Arlington Young Democrats
Indivisible Below the Beltway
Madison County Democratic Committee
Network NOVA
Persist Fairfax
RepresentUS Virginia - The Clean Money Squad
RISE for Youth
SW Poor People's Campaign
Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington Virginia
Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Virginia
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax
Virginia Coalition of Human Rights
Virginia Democracy Forward (VADF)
Virginia Justice Democrats
Virginia Political Cooperative
Winchester Frederick County Democratic Committee

West Virginia

Catholic Committee of Appalachia
Mid-Ohio Valley Climate Action
National Association of Social Workers West Virginia Chapter
National Rural Social Work Caucus (WV)
OVEC-Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition
Our Future West Virginia
RiseUpWV
West Virginia Environmental Council
West Virginia Poor People's Campaign
Women's March West Virginia
WV Citizens for Clean Elections
WV Citizen Action Group
WV Working Families Party