



CITIZENS FOR
RESPONSIBILITY &
ETHICS IN WASHINGTON

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Dear Senator,

We write in strong support of the **Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act**. Our democracy is at an inflection point. The right to vote, and by extension to a free and fair election, is under the gravest threat in a generation. This reality makes it all the more critical that the Senate engage in a serious, public debate about the freedom to vote—and then use all procedural mechanisms to pass the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act as expeditiously as possible. The Act will ensure that voters can safely and freely cast their ballots, protect against election sabotage, stop partisan gerrymandering, and limit the influence of dark money in politics so that billionaires can't buy elections.

The situation is dire. Nineteen states enacted 34 new laws that restrict access to the ballot box in 2021 alone and more are under consideration today. Candidates are running for top election offices peddling the Big Lie that the 2020 election was stolen. States are passing racially-gerrymandered maps that dilute the power of Black and Brown voters. This legislation would fight back against all these attacks and ensure the ability for every American to participate in safe, accessible, and transparent elections. It would also take crucial steps to combat the corrosive influence of money in politics.

There is no substitute for passing this bill. The Senate must debate as long as necessary, and, if required, vote to change the rules to pass the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act..

CREW fully endorses and urges you to support this legislation.

Sincerely,

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