



On behalf of Campaign Legal Center (CLC), a nonpartisan organization dedicated to protecting and strengthening democracy across all levels of government, I am writing today in strong support of the *For the People Act* (H.R. 1/S. 949). This bill is a sweeping package of democracy reforms that offers some of the most comprehensive advances our democracy has seen in decades.

CLC strongly urges you to prioritize passage during the early days of the 117th Congress of this crucial legislation that is a decisive step to addressing the most pressing challenges to our democracy. Along with the passage of the *For the People Act*, Congress must prioritize the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act (H.R. 4) and legislation granting statehood to Washington, D.C. (H.R. 51).

The 2020 election has underscored the urgent need for democracy reform. Across the country, Americans experienced voter suppression and increased levels of dark money spent to drown out the voices of everyday Americans. Recent years have also shown rampant ethical abuses by special interests. The *For the People Act*, addresses these serious problems and will make our government more accessible, transparent, and responsive to all citizens.

This historic legislation passed the House of Representatives with unanimous Democratic support in March 2019 and was cosponsored by all members of the Senate Democratic Caucus. President-elect Joe Biden has stated that a “first priority” of his administration will be a comprehensive set of democracy solutions like those in the *For the People Act*. In the last few weeks, House and Senate Democratic leaders have also voiced their support for prioritizing this legislation. Speaker Pelosi said the House “will proudly pass our election reform, anti-corruption and voting rights legislation by passing H.R. 1 on the first day of the new Congress.”

The provisions in the *For the People Act* independently and collectively advance the right of every American citizen to a government that is responsible and accountable to voters. The bill is a landmark reform bill designed to address the most pressing challenges to our democracy: the influence of money in politics, the erosion of ethical norms, threats to voting rights, and extreme partisan gerrymandering.

In order to ensure that every citizen’s voice is heard in the political process, Campaign Legal Center urges your support for making the *For the People Act* a first priority when Congress reconvenes in January.

Sincerely,

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