



Support for the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act

Rep. Terri Sewell introduced the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, which enjoys the support of more than 140 organizations. Statements of support are included below, followed by a full list of supportive organizations:

“Voting is the foundation of our democracy. It’s how we choose our leaders, and it’s also how we fire them if they lie to us, steal from us, or just plain ignore our needs. We can shape demands and be heard when we show up. It’s the freedom that allows us to shape our future. As we face escalating attacks on our rights, on funding for our schools, on controlling the cost of prescriptions and making sure women can survive pregnancy, there are politicians who want to make it harder to vote, so it’s harder to fire them. They particularly target communities of color and low-income voters, but we have leaders who lead for all of us. We applaud Rep. Sewell and the Congressional leaders who are introducing proven pro-voter solutions. We need the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act today. The JLVRAA is a vital step in restoring the protections needed to ensure everyone has an equal voice in our democracy. As we approach the 60th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, we must honor John Lewis’s legacy by defending the power of our communities to make the decisions that shape their lives.”

— Maya Wiley, President and CEO, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

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“As our democracy confronts extraordinary challenges, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act will restore and strengthen the vital protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. This bill puts an end to discriminatory voting laws that make it harder for communities of color to

participate, said Margaret Huang, president and CEO, SPLC. Sixty years later, it reaffirms our commitment to the ideals of equity, fairness and justice – values that John Lewis devoted his life to defending.”

— **Margaret Huang, President and CEO, Southern Poverty Law Center**

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“The right to vote is fundamental, and, as John Lewis famously said, the most powerful non-violent tool we have in our democracy. Yet, across the country, we continue to see efforts to suppress the voices of Black, Brown, Indigenous, and other marginalized communities. The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act is a vital step toward restoring protections against racial discrimination in voting and ensuring every American can cast their ballot freely and fairly. Congress must act now to safeguard the precious right to vote and honor John Lewis’s profound legacy.”

— **Todd Cox, Associate Director-Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense Fund**

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“At a time when so many issues are described by certain leaders in racial terms, and when faith in our democracy is waning, this act is even more critical to a successful United States future. By efficiently determining what changes should be viewed as dangerous to democracy, the act will increase confidence in our Constitution and system of government.”

— **Thomas A. Saenz, President and General Counsel, MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund)**

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“We are pleased to see the reintroduction of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. Voting is the cornerstone of our democracy, and the most effective democracies rely on the equal participation of every eligible voter. Communities of color, including Asian Americans, face unique challenges to exercising their right to vote. It’s critical that we acknowledge and address the discriminatory policies that make it harder to vote through a restored and modernized Voting Rights Act. We have long supported the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act’s goal to ensure and advance democracy by embracing the diversity of our nation.”

— **John C. Yang, President and Executive Director, Asian Americans Advancing Justice – AAJC**

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“Sixty years after John Lewis and hundreds of other civil rights heroes put their bodies on the line to march from Selma to Montgomery, the right to vote in America is again under serious attack. Ever since the Roberts Court weakened the 1965 Voting Rights Act, voters of color have faced rampant discrimination in voting, including more than 100 discriminatory state laws making it harder to vote, and shrinking voter participation rates relative to the rest of the country. The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act would modernize and restore the Voting Rights Act to full strength. Congress should pass it.”

— **Wendy Weiser, Vice President for Democracy, Brennan Center for Justice at NYU Law**

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“The legislation that bears John Lewis’ name is more important now than ever, as our nation’s democracy faces the gravest dangers it has seen in generations, said Damon Hewitt, president and executive director of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act is a key part of the answer to the Supreme Court’s gutting of the Voting Rights Act. It would provide the necessary tools to combat racial gerrymandering, voter suppression, and systemic barriers to the right to vote. As we confront these challenging times, we must recognize that there is no middle ground: If Congress chooses not to protect the right to vote by adopting these critical safeguards, it will be complicit in the unraveling of our democracy.”

— **Damon Hewitt, President and Executive Director, Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law**

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“The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act would restore the Voting Rights Act, protecting voters of color from discrimination and ensuring that people would be able to cast their ballots to have their voices heard. Among other things, it would require preapproval of new voting laws before they are enacted to eliminate potential voter suppression. This gives us the tools to protect our rights and freedoms to vote and make good on America’s promise for fair and inclusive representation. We must see to it that this act passes swiftly.”

— **Judith Browne Dianis, Executive Director, Advancement Project**

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“The labor movement has a long history of advocating for social and economic justice, and the right to vote is inseparable from these principles. The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act is a crucial and necessary step toward safeguarding our democratic values and dismantling any attempts to suppress the voices of marginalized communities.”

— **Fred Redmond, Secretary-Treasurer, AFL-CIO**

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“The nation's foundation has been based on the ideal of a fundamental right to fair representation through our American democratic system. Yet, the right to vote, free from discrimination, was not achieved until the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, yet then undermined before it was even 50 years old by the Supreme Court in *Shelby County v. Holder*. The John Lewis Advancement Voting Rights Advancement Act has been the necessary remedy to correct this travesty and hold this nation accountable to every voter. As the co-founder and Executive Director of the African American Policy Forum, I know that now, more than ever, every voter deserves to be represented fairly and I stand ready and in full support to achieve fair representation through a racially inclusive democracy with the passage of the John Lewis Advancement Voting Rights Act.”

— **Dr. Kimberlé Crenshaw, co-Founder and Executive Director, African American Policy Forum**

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“Congress needs to step up and pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to restore critical protections against racial discrimination in voting. Across the country, extremist officials are pushing anti-voter bills that impose stricter and discriminatory documentation and ID requirements to vote, are making it easier to purge voters of color from the rolls, and are creating additional unnecessary barriers to voting in communities of color. This bill modernizes the Voting Rights Act of 1965, repairing the preclearance provisions gutted by *Shelby County v. Holder* and strengthening protections against discriminatory laws and practices in the administration of elections. This is critical to ensuring that every voter has the ability to make their voice heard. We also support the advancement of State Voting Rights Acts to ensure enhanced protections at the state level, so that every voter — no matter who

they are, where they live, or what they look like — has an equal say in the decisions that shape their lives.”

— **Hannah Fried, All Voting is Local Action**

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“We cannot allow our democracy and the right of every citizen to participate in it to disappear. The AFT fully supports the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. We know that when Americans lose the right to vote, faith in our democracy erodes, and we are left with a system that does not prioritize helping working people. We urge all lawmakers to take a stand for a true representative democracy and to support this legislation.”

— **Randi Weingarten, President, American Federation of Teachers (AFT)**

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“With voting rights under attack, the urgency to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (JLVRAA) has never been greater. AAPIs are the fastest growing voting bloc in this country and have turned out in record numbers in recent years. Yet we have seen renewed threats to silence our voices, from federal legislative efforts such as the SAVE act to the many states' efforts to pass similar laws that will make registering to vote nearly impossible for millions. As we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, passage of the JLVRAA is needed more than ever as a safeguard that will protect the fundamental right to vote for all Americans and ensure that our democratic principles are upheld. We thank Congresswoman Terri Sewell for her steadfast commitment to the JLVRAA and her leadership in ensuring that voting rights remain a priority in Congress.”

— **Christine Chen, Executive Director, Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote (APIAVote)**

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“Expanding the freedom to vote has been the North Star of our modern democracy. This was true when John Lewis and thousands of other civil rights leaders crossed the Edmund Pettus bridge almost 60 years ago, and it is just as true today. The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (JLVRAA) will ensure that every American can make their voice heard without barriers. Protecting Americans' access to voting has a documented history of resounding bipartisan support in many instances and Congress has the opportunity to revive this tradition. Campaign Legal Center strongly endorses

the essential reforms outlined in this legislation and encourages our elected officials to rise above partisan concerns to support its passage.”

— **Trevor Potter, President, Campaign Legal Center**

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“It is long past time to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Enhancement Act so we can protect the fundamental right to vote and have all votes counted equally,” said Donald Sherman, Executive Director and Chief Counsel of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW). “Over the past ten years, the Supreme Court’s evisceration of federal voting rights law has allowed discriminatory vote denial schemes to flourish and new vote dilution tactics to emerge as election deniers attempt to block certain states from certifying their elections. We call on Congress to swiftly pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Enhancement Act, and begin the process of restoring the most fundamental aspect of any democracy: the freedom to vote.”

— **Donald Sherman, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW)**

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“Clean Water Action welcomes the introduction of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2025. It would restore and strengthen the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which was significantly weakened by the Supreme Court in 2013. It is essential to strengthen voting rights to counter the influence of special interests if we are to reduce water and air pollution, protect our health, and tackle the climate crisis.”

— **Lynn Thorp, National Campaigns Director, Clean Water Action**

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“Our freedoms are under attack to a degree that we have not witnessed for several generations. With the upcoming 60th anniversary of Bloody Sunday and the march from Selma to Montgomery, as more states and localities erect barriers to voting for certain communities, we need to do everything we can to protect the voices and votes of all Americans. Common Cause commends Representative Sewell for her steadfast leadership on the reintroduction of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, and we strongly urge Congress to immediately pass this bill, which is needed more than ever.”

— **Virginia Kase Solomón, President and CEO, Common Cause**

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“As working people, our voices matter—not just in the workplace, but at the ballot box. The Voting Rights Advancement Act is critical to ensure that every American worker and retiree has fair and equal access to the democratic process without discrimination. At CWA, we believe that voting rights are workers’ rights. Our fight for better wages, safer conditions, and dignity on the job, starts with our ability to elect leaders who represent us. We are proud to support the reintroduction of this timely bill.”

— **Dan Mauer, Director of Government Affairs, Communications Workers of America**

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“The Supreme Court’s disastrous 2013 Shelby County v. Holder decision left voting rights, especially those of people of color, exposed to unchecked attacks by extremist state lawmakers. Today’s reintroduction of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act is necessary to restore the Voting Rights Act to its full power and represents a fundamental step forward in ensuring our freedom to vote.”

— **Allison Pulliam, Declaration for American Democracy Coalition**

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“Voting provides people with the ability to shape policies that impact their lives—issues like grocery prices, housing costs, health care and gun violence. Without it, billionaire donors and corporations have all the influence to push through policies that benefit themselves at the expense of everyone else. We thank Rep. Sewell for her unrelenting leadership on this bill.”

— **Brian Lemek, Defend The Vote Action Fund Executive Director, Defend The Vote Action Fund**

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“Protecting the freedom to vote is more important than partisan politics, and it’s time for our elected officials to recognize this time-tested truth. Congress must decide whether they want their legacies to support or obstruct the freedom to vote. The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act would help ensure that everyone can cast their ballot safely, without interference, while reducing barriers to voting that disproportionately harm Americans based on their race, age, ability, or income. Democracy is best when everyone can fully

participate, no matter where they live, how much they earn, or what they look like.”

— **Bob Brandon, President and CEO, Fair Elections Center**

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“For our democratic republic to function, every citizen must have a say in their government. We live up to that ideal by protecting the vote of Americans of every race. The Voting Rights Act is one of the most important pieces of legislation in our nation's history, and FairVote is proud to once again support the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.”

— **Meredith Sumpter, President and CEO, FairVote**

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“Our democracy itself rests on making sure that everyone — everyone — has access to the ballot box. But politicians who want to pick their voters, rather than ensuring every person can fully participate in every election, have attempted to stack the deck through state laws that make it harder for people to make their voices heard. For the LGBTQ+ community, who face an unprecedented and deeply unpopular onslaught of attacks on our rights and freedoms, preserving voting rights is essential to building a future where lawmakers protect our rights instead of stripping them away. The nation needs the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.”

— **David Stacy, Vice President of Government Affairs, Human Rights Campaign**

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“We continue to see that US democracy is fragile. It demands constant safeguarding. The John Lewis VRAA is a solution that strengthens the right to vote and wards off racial discrimination.”

— **Trey Walk, Researcher and Advocate, Human Rights Watch**

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“As the late Rep. John Lewis once said, ‘The vote is precious. It is almost sacred.’ Sadly, his vision for an America where all people, no matter who they are or who they vote for, can exercise that foundational right is under attack by extremists working to systematically disenfranchised people of color. At a time when nearly all of our fundamental democratic rights and institutions are under threat from the Trump Administration, it is absolutely vital that we

protect and strengthen our ability to reject and overcome MAGA extremism at the ballot box. I can think of no better way to honor John Lewis' legacy than to pass this crucial bill that bears his name, ensuring that every person can freely cast their vote. As an organization dedicated to building an inclusive multi-faith democracy, Interfaith Alliance will continue to advocate tirelessly to make that happen."

— **Rev. Paul Brandeis Raushenbush, President and CEO, Interfaith Alliance**

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"At a moment of constant assaults on our democracy, voter suppression is among the most powerful tools the extremists have at their disposal. That's why safeguarding this right in the face of flagrantly discriminatory laws is so crucial. The Jewish community knows that our safety is inextricably linked with the rights and safety of all communities and the health of our democracy. Yet without the Voting Rights Act, which was allowed to expire after decades of bipartisan support, we're seeing horrifying new attacks on ballot access rooted in false, bigoted, and dangerous conspiracy theories about stolen elections. JCPA is proud to once again support the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to help protect our democracy for everyone at this critical moment."

— **Amy Spitalnick, CEO, Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA)**

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"The reintroduction of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act is a crucial step in protecting the fundamental right to vote for all Americans, particularly for Latino communities that have historically faced voter suppression and systemic barriers to the ballot box. The Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA) fully supports this legislation, which strengthens our democracy by ensuring every voice is heard and every vote is counted. In honoring the legacy of John Lewis, we must continue the fight for justice and equity at the ballot box, because the future of our communities depends on it."

— **Karla Pineda, Deputy Director, Labor Council, Latin American Advancement (LCLAA)**

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“At a moment when many of our rights are being curtailed and stripped down, we must take bold action to protect the fundamental right to vote. LatinoJustice PRLDEF wholeheartedly supports the John Lewis Act so we can restore the full protections of the federal Voting Rights Act and help ensure every eligible voter has an equal voice in our democracy.”

— **Lourdes M. Rosado, President and General Counsel, LatinoJustice PRLDEF**

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“Voting is a fundamental right and continues to be powerful in shaping the American future. The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act will restore the provisions stripped from the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and modernize provisions that guarantee all voters, specifically voters of color, can exercise their right to vote without barriers. Our elected officials must work together to pass this critical voting rights legislation because our right to vote is the most basic promise of our democracy.”

— **Celina Stewart, CEO, League of Women Voters of the United States**

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“The NAACP strongly supports Rep. Terri Sewell's reintroduction of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. We must protect one of the most fundamental rights in our democracy: the right to elect our leaders to govern on our behalf. All across the country, Black Americans' right to vote is under attack as states continue to pass voter suppression laws, and we will not stand for it. Every voice matters. Every vote counts. But without strong protections in place, access to the ballot box is at risk. Together, we can strengthen protections against voter suppression and discrimination. We urge our leaders to safeguard our democracy and act swiftly to adopt this legislation.”

— **Derrick Johnson, President and CEO, NAACP**

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“The endeavor to secure equal voting rights requires constant vigilance. The life and legacy of John Lewis are a powerful reminder of it. The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) is grateful to Rep. Sewell and the sponsors for reintroducing the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. As the Asian American community is the fastest growing community in the nation, coupled with recent court decisions that have limited the reach of the

Voting Rights Act, this bill will go a long way to ensure that our community - and all communities of color - have a fair opportunity to make their voice heard at the ballot box.”

— **Priya Purandare, Executive Director, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA)**

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“The National Bar Association stands firmly in support of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. This critical legislation seeks to restore and strengthen the protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, ensuring that every citizen's right to vote is preserved and protected. In the spirit of Congressman John Lewis, who dedicated his life to the fight for equality and justice, we urge Congress to pass this Act without delay. Our democracy thrives when all voices are heard, not just the wealthy and well connected, and this Act is a vital step toward safeguarding that fundamental principle.”

— **Wiley S. Adams, President, National Bar Association**

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“The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act is a vital safeguard for our democracy, ensuring that all Americans can fully exercise their right to vote. For too long, discriminatory barriers like restrictive voter ID laws, racial gerrymandering, and inadequate language access have silenced Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander voices and excluded our communities from the political process. This legislation restores critical protections, defending against voter suppression and strengthening the power of our communities. NCAPA remains unwavering in our fight for racial justice, voting rights, and a democracy where every voice is heard and every vote counts.”

— **Gregg Orton, National Director, National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA)**

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“At National Council of Jewish Women, we believe our voice is our vote. In Hebrew, the word kol means both — voice and vote — a sacred reminder that to vote is to speak up, to act, to repair the world. But today, too many voices are being silenced. Discriminatory laws are stripping millions of their fundamental rights, threatening our ability to live, love, and seek care freely. The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act is a moral necessity. Named for a leader

who dedicated his life to justice, it must be passed to protect every American's sacred right to vote. We are grateful to Congresswoman Sewell for championing this cause and urge every member of Congress to join the fight. Because when we raise our voices together, we move justice forward.”

— **Sheila Katz, CEO, National Council of Jewish Women**

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“The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act will strengthen the Voting Rights Act of 1965, restoring and ensuring fairness in our elections and protecting every American's right to vote. This bill is critical to protecting representative democracy, and rightly honors the legacy of John Lewis, an American hero who fought to ensure that every American could make their voices heard at the ballot box. For decades now, Republicans have been attempting to dismantle the Voting Rights Act by weakening critical safeguards for voting rights and fair maps. It is part of a larger strategy to silence the voices of those who might not agree with their extreme agenda, and to gerrymander their way into unearned power. The ability to participate in free and fair elections doesn't exist in a vacuum. Sadly, it has never been easily had. Every generation of Americans must defend it for themselves and for their descendants. Now it is time for this generation to act. We need the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to protect our democracy and to ensure that the voices of all Americans are truly heard.”

— **Eric H. Holder, Jr., 82nd Attorney General of the United States, National Democratic Redistricting Committee**

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“The National Organization for Women is proud to support the reintroduction of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. Congressman Lewis spent his life advocating for the important, sacred democratic right to vote. At a time when voting in a democracy is under attack, we must get in ‘good trouble’ and support this important legislation.”

— **National NOW President Christian F. Nunes, National Organization for Women**

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“The worsening climate and wildlife crises are impacting every community in our country, and we must ensure that everybody has a say in the solutions needed to address these challenges. Equitable and fair access to the ballot box

is the foundation of a healthy democracy and vital to our work on behalf of wildlife and people. Congress should meet this moment and pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to expand access to voting and address the barriers to the ballot box.”

— **Dr. Mustafa Santiago Ali, Executive Vice President, National Wildlife Federation**

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“From Alaska to Arizona, we continue to see Native American communities denied their freedom to vote. Tribal communities deserve the same voter services and rights as their non-Native neighbors, and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act is critical to ensuring that happens.”

— **Senior Staff Attorney Jacqueline De León, Native American Rights Fund**

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“The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act is absolutely essential for this moment in history. With our democracy in jeopardy from a corrupt and dangerous executive branch and voting rights continually on the chopping block in Republican-led states, it is critical that we restore the full weight and authority of the original Voting Rights Act of 1965. We must prevent the ongoing, egregious efforts to stifle the votes of millions of Americans across the country, especially the votes of Black and Brown and other historically marginalized communities.”

— **Svante Myrick, President, People For the American Way**

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“Democracy is for the people, not just the billionaires. No matter our race, background, or zip code, for democracy to work for all of us, it must include us ALL. Ensuring everyone's freedom to vote should not be a partisan issue. We are proud to support the re-introduction of the John Lewis Voting Rights Act and call for its immediate passage.”

— **Lisa Gilbert, Co-President, Public Citizen**

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“Our environment, our health, our jobs, and our civil rights depend on a well-functioning democracy and a fair election system, and it’s never been more important that we do all that we can to protect these values. This legislation represents an important step toward ensuring that all Americans - regardless

of their race, their zip code, or how much money they make - have the right to vote. We applaud Representative Sewell and House Democrats for their leadership in protecting Americans' right to vote, and we urge Congress to act to pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act without delay."

— **Ben Jealous, Executive Director, Sierra Club**

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"The same forces that tried to stop John Lewis on the Edmund Pettus Bridge are at work today—silencing voices, erecting barriers, and suppressing the power of the people. Congress must confront this moment with the moral courage to act by voting this bill into law."

— **Rev. Adam Russell Taylor, President, Sojourners**

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"Sixty years after Bloody Sunday, voter suppression remains a threat to our democracy. Extreme politicians are introducing bills every week to try to silence voters and rig the rules of democracy against ordinary Americans, particularly Americans of color. And a right-wing Supreme Court has systematically dismantled the Voting Rights Act of 1965 for years. But there is a path forward. The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act would restore the Voting Rights Act and protect the freedom to vote for all Americans. We are grateful to Representative Terri Sewell for her leadership in the fight to expand voting rights, and we will continue mobilizing to get the job done."

— **Brett Edkins, Managing Director of Policy & Political Affairs, Stand Up America**

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"Our democracy is strongest when every voice is heard, yet restrictive laws continue to silence too many voters. History has shown us the consequences when access to the ballot is denied—and we cannot allow those mistakes to be repeated. Congress must pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act now to protect the fundamental right to vote and ensure every voice is counted."

— **Rashawn Davis, Executive Director, The Andrew Goodman Foundation**

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“Sixty years after Representative John Lewis was attacked on a bridge in Selma, Alabama, for demanding the right to vote, our fundamental rights, including our right to vote in free and fair elections, are under escalating attacks. As the Trump administration, extremist Republicans in Congress, and far-right Justices on the Supreme Court attempt to roll back voting rights and prioritize the interests of Big Polluters and ultra-wealthy corporate CEOs over people in this country, it is critical that we protect every voter’s freedom to vote — no matter their race, income, or zip code. We urge Congress to pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and other critical voting rights legislation, including the Freedom to Vote Act and D.C. Statehood.”

— **Justin Kwasa, LCV Democracy Program Director, The League of Conservation Voters**

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“The United Methodist Church affirms that the right to vote is a sacred trust and a fundamental expression of the dignity and worth of every person. As we honor the legacy of Congressman John Lewis, a tireless advocate for justice and democracy, we call on Congress to reintroduce and pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. Protecting the right to vote is not a partisan issue—it is a moral imperative. The Church stands firmly against any effort to suppress voter participation, particularly among communities historically marginalized and disenfranchised. In the spirit of our Social Principles, we urge policymakers to ensure free, fair, and accessible elections so that every voice is heard and every vote counts.”

— **Rev. Kendal L. McBroom, Director of Civil and Human Rights, The United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society**

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“Current MAGA attacks on our democracy include the resurgence of state voter suppression laws that particularly target voters of color. Civil rights activists risked their lives for the right of every American to cast their ballot freely, including on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma sixty years ago. Voting is the cornerstone of our democracy. Congress must act without delay to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.”

— **Ann Toback, CEO, The Workers Circle**

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“Congressman John Lewis once said, “If you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you have a moral obligation to do something about it.” There is no more urgently needed action at this time to protect our democracy than the passage of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. In 2024, we traveled the nation assisting communities to vote and saw firsthand the disenfranchising impact of state voter suppression laws. The Transformative Justice Coalition (TJC) is committed to educating and mobilizing communities nationwide to support our voting rights by promoting this imperative legislation. TJC is proud to stand “ten toes down” with Congresswoman Terri Sewell and fight against the unjust voter suppression legislation that has infected many of our states and is poisoning and eroding our democracy.”

— **Barbara R. Arnwine, Esq and Daryl D. Jones, Esq., Transformative Justice Coalition**

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“The most basic and important of American rights is the right to vote. At VoteRiders, we know how restrictive voting laws—particularly in the form of voter ID laws—create unnecessary barriers to the ballot box, disproportionately impacting the most vulnerable communities,” said Lauren Kunis, CEO and Executive Director of VoteRiders. “The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act is an essential piece of legislation that ensures fair and equal access to our democracy. John Lewis believed that democracy is an act that requires our unwavering commitment. VoteRiders is proud to support the critical protections enshrined in this bill and we remain steadfast in our work to ensure every voter has the information and ID they need to make their voice heard at the ballot box.”

— **Lauren Kunis, CEO and Executive Director, VoteRiders**

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“Democracy has to work for all of us, not some of us. In 2024, too many people faced systemic barriers making their voices heard at the ballot box. As we honor the 60th anniversary of the march across Edmund Pettus Bridge on Bloody Sunday, it’s time to recommit to Congressman John Lewis’ work to help all Americans vote. When We All Vote urges the House of Representatives to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and protect voting rights for all Americans.”

— **Beth Lynk, Executive Director, When We All Vote**

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“Protecting reproductive freedom and all our fundamental rights is only possible with a healthy, functioning democracy where everyone is included and represented. While Trump and his party try to dismantle our democracy, we need to do everything in our power to stop them, and that includes ending racial discrimination in voting. It’s time for Congress to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to ensure every American can access the ballot box. We thank Rep. Terri Sewell for introducing this landmark bill.”

— **Mini Timmaraju, President and CEO, Reproductive Freedom for All**

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The 140+ organizations supporting the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act include:

Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights	American Civil Liberties Union
Southern Poverty Law Center	NAACP Legal Defense Fund
Brennan Center of Justice at NYU	Asian Americans Advancing Justice - AAJC
Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund	NAACP
The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law	The Workers Circle
Funders' Committee for Civic Participation (FCCP)	When We All Vote
People for American Way	Hip Hop Caucus Education Fund
National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA)	In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda
Equal Justice Society	Interfaith Alliance
LatinoJustice PRLDEF	VoteRiders
LIUNA	Andrew Goodman Foundation
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)	UnidosUS
People For the American Way	Campaign Legal Center
Fair Fight Action	Democracy 21
Labor Council for Latin American Advancement	NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
Nathaniel R. Jones Foundation	Bend the Arc: Jewish Action
Stand Up America	National Council of Jewish Women
Voters of Tomorrow	Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA)
American Humanist Association	Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)
Human Rights Campaign	National Network for Arab American Communities
HeadCount	United Church of Christ

American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)	Fair Elections Center
DemCast USA	State Democracy Defenders Action
Union for Reform Judaism	Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice
National Coalition on Black Civic Participation	Center for Common Ground
Faith in Public Life Action	Franciscan Action Network
Southern Coalition for Social Justice	National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA)
The Civics Center	Democracy SENTRY
League of Conservation Voters	Reproductive Freedom for All
Defend the Vote Action Fund	All On The Line
Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote (APIAVote	NBJC
League of Women Voters of the United States	MomsRising
Movement Advancement Project	SEIU
Impact Fund	Common Cause
Faithful Democracy	National Wildlife Federation
Transparency International U.S.	Democracy Matters
Center for Common Ground	CCAG
National Association of Social Workers	Alliance of Baptists
Georgia Coalition for the Peoples Agenda	Action Together NEPA
Transformative Justice Coalition	Take Back Christianity
FairVote	Voices for Progress
People Power United	N.C. For The People Action
Fix Democracy First	Dēmos
DemCast USA	The National Vote
20/20 Vision	AFL-CIO
Verified Voting	Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)
Transparency International U.S.	Americans for Democratic Action (ADA)
Mi Familia Vota	Free Speech For People

Ohio Environmental Council Action Fund	National Women's Law Center
APRIL	The Arc of the United States
Deaf Equality	American Association of People with Disabilities
The Episcopal Church	Communications Workers of America
Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW)	American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees
WE ACT for Environmental Justice	Rock the Vote
All Voting is Local Action	Friends of the Earth
Clean Water Action	Voter Participation Center
Texas Civil Rights Project	Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA)
Womxn From The Mountain	Friends of the Earth
Public Citizen	Indivisible
Advancement Project	Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF)
WALKING TO FIX OUR DEMOCRACY	Planned Parenthood Action Fund
Human Rights Watch	National Council on Independent Living
NALEO Educational Fund	Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Paralyzed Veterans of America	National Postal Mail Handlers Union
National Urban League	AFT
National Council of Churches	Sierra Club
Popular Democracy	Clean Water Action
People For the American Way	Arab American Institute (AAI)
Transformative Justice Coalition	The Festival Center
The Voter Participation Center	Sojourners
Institute for Responsive Government Action	Advancement Project
The United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society	American Association of University Women (AAUW)