

Common Cause Urges "Yes" Vote on the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act; Will "Score" Vote in our Next Democracy Scorecard

January 13, 2022

Dear Representative,

On behalf of Common Cause's more than 1.5 million members, we write in strong support of the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 5746, the **Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act**, which will ensure that voters can safely and freely cast their ballots, repair and strengthen the Voting Rights Act, protect against election sabotage, stop partisan and racial gerrymandering, and limit the influence of dark money in politics so that billionaires can't buy elections. **We will score this vote in our next Democracy Scorecard**, **which we send to our 1.5 million members and to the press.**

Last year, nineteen states enacted 34 new laws that restrict access to the ballot box, and as state legislatures begin new sessions this year, many more anti-voter bills are under consideration. States are passing gerrymandered maps that dilute the power of Black and Brown voters. And billionaires, special interests and dark-money groups continue to try to buy elections and drown out the voices of everyday Americans. This legislation would fight back against all these attacks and ensure the ability for all Americans to have their voices heard and to participate in safe, accessible, and transparent elections.

It is essential that this legislation pass as expeditiously as possible.

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We strongly urge a "yes" vote on the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act.

Sincerely,

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