

FOR THE PEOPLE ACT



Statements of Support

“Today is another history-making day, with the U.S. Senate’s introduction of sweeping companion legislation to H.R.1, designed to curb the culture of corruption and protect voting rights. CAP urges Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to relent on his vow to block this legislation, so that everyday Americans can have their voices fairly represented in elections and policy decisions – and not be drowned out by wealthy special interests.” - **Neera Tanden, President of the Center for American Progress**

“Our nation today has a corrupt campaign finance system and a broken political system. H.R. 1 and its Senate companion represent the most important package of reforms to repair the rules of our democracy since the Watergate reforms of the 1970s. Today’s legislation is a marker bill, not a message bill, as some have mistakenly attempted to label it. The holistic legislation sets forth the blueprint for far reaching, effective solutions to address Washington influence-money corruption, voter suppression, extreme partisan gerrymandering and misuse of public office for private gain.” – **Democracy 21 President Fred Wertheimer**

“Far too many Americans believe their government no longer works for them. They see wealthy special interests dictating policy, politicians drawing unfair and discriminatory district lines, federal officials profiting off the public interest, and too little interest from those in power in securing our voting systems. The For the People Act is critical to restoring the public’s faith in our democratic institutions and ensuring everyone’s voice and vote is heard, counted, and protected.” – **Tiffany Muller, President of End Citizens United**

“This is the democracy reform bill the American people want and deserve. The For the People Act will make voting easier and more accessible by modernizing our elections and putting power back in the hands of the American voters. It’s time to pass this legislation and make it law of the land in time for our next election. The League of Women Voters was proud to engage voters and build support that led to the passage of H.R. 1 in the House of Representatives. We fought to include Same Day Registration in the bill, which increases voter participation, and we continue to push for public financing in our elections, which helps more women run for office. We look forward to helping advance this bill that builds on the promise of forming a more perfect democracy, and we encourage all elected officials to support this legislation that works for the American people.” - **Virginia Kase, CEO of the League of Women Voters**

“The Indivisible movement started organizing after Trump was elected, but it wasn’t just about Trump — it was about saving American democracy. As Republicans continue working to serve

corporate interests and specifically to disenfranchise people of color, it is vital that Democrats show their commitment to ensuring that everyone has the unimpeded right to participate in our democracy. Getting H.R. 1 through the House was a critical step in that goal and the result of the grassroots' tireless work since Trump was elected. Today, we welcome the introduction of the Senate companion to the For the People Act. By choosing to lead on strengthening our democracy in the face of Mitch McConnell's obstruction and refusal to move the bill forward, Senate Democrats are signaling that they view the reforms Americans want as priorities. Democracy reform is the first step towards solving the many problems that lie before us. We must un-rig the rules and ensure that our government is truly led by the people. For this reason, we urge all senators to co-sponsor this bill." - **Elizabeth Beavers, Indivisible Project's associate policy director**

"We thank Senator Udall and dozens of cosponsors for introducing the For the People Act, a historic bill that would enhance voting rights, modernize our voting systems, reform campaign finance, curb partisan gerrymandering, and enforce government ethics. These are the key reforms needed to revitalize our democracy. Voters support these reforms and, in a number of states, voted overwhelmingly to pass several of them this past November. These reforms are not pie-in-the-sky. Similar recently-adopted reforms are successful and popular in multiple states and cities. After an unmistakable call for change from the public, and after the House passed a companion bill, it is simply unacceptable that Leader McConnell has pledged to keep this bill from getting a vote. Americans deserve to know where their representatives stand on these issues. The future health of our democracy depends on it." - **Wendy Weiser, Director of the Democracy Program at the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU Law**

"The For the People Act is a crucial step to begin to fix our democracy. Corruption, gerrymandering, barriers to voting, and unlimited corporate political spending have left too many Americans feeling like our political system is rigged against us. The For the People Act is a sweeping reform effort that includes vital voting rights protections, bold campaign finance reforms, and ethics reforms that would require that presidents release their tax returns. We strongly urge the Senate to pass these reforms." - **Sean Eldridge, Founder and President of Stand Up America**

"We at NETWORK Lobby and our more than 100,000 members and activists, applaud Senator Udall and the # senators for their leadership in introducing S.###, the Senate companion to the For the People Act. Our advocacy at NETWORK is rooted in Catholic faith, which teaches that we have a responsibility to participate in politics out of a concern for our sisters and brothers. H.R.1 is a visionary, state-tested legislative package that returns control of our government to the people—in accordance with our nation's ideals. The will of the people and the movement of the Spirit are ushering this bill forward. Momentum is building and the path to reclaim the power of the people is clear. Leader McConnell owes it to the nation to allow a vote in the Senate so people can know where senators stand on this critical legislation. His refusal to allow debate and consideration reveals his affinity with the status quo: a broken political system and a culture of corruption." – **NETWORK Lobby for Catholic and Social Justice**

“Today, Senator Udall and 47 Democratic co-sponsors will introduce the For The People Act, a Senate companion bill to H.R.1, to fight corruption, fix our broken political system, and give power back to the people. Just a few weeks ago, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed the For The People Act (H.R.1) with all 235 Democrats co-sponsoring the bill. With every House and Senate Democrat co-sponsoring this once-in-a-generation legislation, Democrats have made it clear that restoring power back to the people is a priority. Mitch McConnell has preemptively refused to bring the For The People Act to the floor for a vote and we have to ask why—what is he so afraid of? Afraid of making the political system more fair and accountable? Protecting and expanding voting rights, enacting needed campaign finance reforms, and strengthening our ethics laws is not a partisan issue—it’s a core democratic issue and we need to act. We call on Mitch McConnell to bring the For The People Act to the floor for a vote and let the people decide through their representatives the fate of this bill.” - **Alex Morgan, Progressive Turnout Project Executive Director**

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