

Thanks for signing up for Letters for a cause.

This week we are putting pressure on our elected leaders to pass HR1 & John Lewis Voting Rights Act (HR4) and S.2747 - Freedom to Vote Act. Below is the suggested text. You can use some of it, all of it or use what's below as a guide to put it in your own words. Thank You so much for being here, being engaged and helping us get these much needed bills passed.

Here's a link to a great article that you can use as a resource if you would like to write an original script of your own.

<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/racial-turnout-gap-grew-jurisdictions-previously-covered-voting-rights>

S.2747 link is here:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2747?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22freedom+to+vote+act%22%5D%7D&s=1&r=1>

Below are samples for **both letters and postcards (postcard sample is on page 3)**

Here is the link for the address of your Congressperson and Senator:

<https://congresslookup.com/>

Again Thanks for signing up-
Days of Action Team/

SAMPLE LETTER 1 Senate

Dear Senator xxx,

I urge you to take meaningful action by passing the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act that passed as the Voting Rights Advancement Act in the House last year and the S.2747 - Freedom to Vote Act.

In 2013 years ago, the Supreme Court gutted the original Voting Rights Act in its Shelby County v. Holder decision, paving the way for a resurgence of voter suppression laws and practices that disproportionately disenfranchise Black voters. We need these bills to restore much-needed oversight of states when they repeatedly try to enact racist voting laws, and to ensure that no state can make significant changes to how they conduct elections without considering how those changes would impact voters of color.

We need federal voter reform NOW! From January through July, 2021, at least 18 states enacted 30 laws restricting access to the vote. Many aimed at disenfranchising voters. Please match the urgency of this moment in history and support the S.2747 - Freedom to Vote Act.

(Please write a personal note of thanks if they support the law or a note explaining why you personally would like them to join you in support)

Sincerely,

2nd option is to take portions of this letter and add a personal reason that this law would impact you or someone you care about.

Sample Letter for House:

Dear Representative xxx,

I urge you to take meaningful action by supporting the final version of For the People Act S2747/HR1 and the John Lewis Voting Act.

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For Postcards:

Dear Senator/Representative _____,

Since 2013, Republicans have launched a wave of state laws designed to suppress voter turnout--now over 200 proposed state laws for 2022. Our democracy is literally under attack! The For the People Act provides automatic voter registration, paper ballots, 15 day early voting periods, mail-in voting and \$1 billion dollars for upgrades to state voting systems.

Please do everything in your power to help pass HR1./S2747. Our democracy depends on it!

From your constituent _____ in (zip code) _____

If your handwriting is large please include these points:

Freedom to Act - S2747

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paper ballots

15 day early voting periods

mail-in voting

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