

Holding Power Accountable

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Dear Representative:

In 2016, Common Cause issued a [Democracy Scorecard](#) based on cosponsorship of 12 key democracy reform bills. Last month, we emailed all congressional offices asking for input on what bills to include this year. After hearing from more than 20 offices on potential legislation to include, below is the list of 15 bills that we recently finalized to include in our 2018 Democracy Scorecard. We will send several other reminders throughout the summer, and the **deadline for cosponsoring a bill to be included in our Democracy Scorecard is July 26th**. In August or early September, we'll then plan to send the 2018 Democracy Scorecard to our 1.1 million members, as well as reporters and coalition allies. If you have any questions or feedback, please feel free to contact me.

Best,
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Money in politics

- [DISCLOSE Act](#) (Rep. Cicilline, 131 cosponsors)
- [Government by the People Act](#) (Rep. Sarbanes, 159 cosponsors)
- [Democracy for All Amendment](#) (Rep. Deutch, 126 cosponsors)
- [Honest Ads Act](#) (Rep. Kilmer, 17 cosponsors)
- [Get Foreign Money out of U.S. Elections Act](#) (Rep. Raskin, 45 cosponsors)

Voting/elections

- [Voter Empowerment Act](#) (Rep. John Lewis, 182 cosponsors)
- [Voting Rights Advancement Act](#) (Rep. Sewell, 188 cosponsors) or [Voting Rights Amendment Act](#) (Rep. Sensenbrenner, 80 cosponsors)
- Automatic Voter Registration Act (Rep. Cicilline's [HR 2840](#), 137 cosponsors, or Rep. Brady's [HR 2876](#), 58 cosponsors)
- [PAPER Act/Election Security Act/Restoring Confidence in America's Elections Act/Securing America's Elections Act/Safeguarding Election Infrastructure Act/SAFE Act](#) (cosponsoring any of these will count)

Ethics/conflicts of interest/abuse of power

- [Presidential Conflicts of Interest Act](#) (Rep. Katherine Clark, 150 cosponsors)
- [Supreme Court Ethics Act](#) (Rep. Slaughter, 80 cosponsors)*--with her passing, a new sponsor is expected to be added
- [Special Counsel Independence and Integrity Act](#) (Rep. Nadler, 101 cosponsors)
- [Protecting Our Democracy Act](#) (Rep. Swalwell, 200 cosponsors)

Redistricting

- [Redistricting Reform Act](#) (Rep. Lofgren, 58 cosponsors) or [John Tanner Fairness and Independence in Redistricting Act](#) (Rep. Cooper, 16 cosponsors)

Media and democracy

- [Net neutrality resolution of disapproval CRA](#) (Rep. Doyle, 157 cosponsors)

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