

*Holding Power Accountable***Common Cause Urges Senate to Support Legislation to Create January 6th Commission;
Will Key-Vote this Legislation in our next Democracy Scorecard**

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Dear Senator:

Our democracy was attacked by insurrectionists in a failed coup attempt on January 6th, 2021. The American people deserve a full accounting of the facts and causes—the truth—relating to the January 6th insurrection at the Capitol. The racist, violent mob subverted the peaceful transfer of power, marching through the halls of Congress with Confederate flags, bear spray, cudgels, and zip ties and causing multiple deaths in an unsuccessful attempt to overturn the presidential election. The assault on Congress as it met to certify the election was an attack on voters, especially Black and brown voters, who showed up in record numbers to cast their ballots in the midst of a global pandemic. We must ensure that a similar attack never happens again.

On behalf of Common Cause's more than 1.5 million supporters, **we urge you to vote to start debate on and support the House-passed H.R. 3233**, the National Commission to Investigate the January 6 Attack on the United States Capitol Complex Act. **We will score this vote on the motion to proceed to this legislation in the next version of our [Democracy Scorecard](#).**

Those who stormed the Capitol to subvert our democracy must continue to be held accountable. Violence did not alter the outcome of this democratic election, and we must not let this violence be forgotten. The bipartisan commission proposed in H.R. 3233, which was supported by 35 House Republicans, will help develop a full public record and narrative to prevent against the significant dis- and misinformation that we've seen about the violent attack at the Capitol on January 6th. It will also make recommendations to prevent future violence. We call on all senators to put their country over party and support this bill. This commission is needed to prevent reckless and dangerous behavior from causing any more bloodshed or other damage to our nation and our democracy.

This bill comes down to a simple question: are you on the side of truth, or are you on the side of the insurrectionists? All Americans deserve truth and transparency, and we strongly urge a "yes" vote on the motion to proceed on H.R. 3233.

Sincerely,



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