



Senators Shaheen and Hassan,

We thank you for your continued support of our democracy, and urge you to make sure The Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act get to President Biden's desk for his signature as soon as possible.

The stakes could not be higher in our state. Despite our best efforts, New Hampshire has become home to some of the most aggressive anti-voter legislation in the country. While we were able to stop the unconstitutional SB 3 in the court system, Republicans are preparing to pass a slew of new anti-voter bills out of the House Election Law committee this fall and have already begun to file a slate of new anti-voter bills for the upcoming session.

As we continue to fight back against attempts to chip away at the freedom to vote, we are also in the midst of our redistricting process which had its first public hearing just days ago. While we passed two bipartisan bills to create Independent Redistricting commissions — both were vetoed by Gov. Sununu. In response, the Chair of the Republican party openly proclaimed in January that they were intent on gerrymandering our state to maintain their power. Granite Staters deserve a fair redistricting process, without partisan gerrymandering, and we will do everything we can to ensure that. But the only way to guarantee fair congressional maps in New Hampshire is to pass federal legislation.

As state legislators, we are deeply alarmed by the wave of voter suppression initiatives proposed here and around the country. The scope of these state-level attacks is unparalleled — anti-voter bills have been introduced in every state except Vermont: more than 400 of them filed, with at least 30 of them already enacted into law. Make no mistake: these unpatriotic attacks on our elections are fueled by dark-money special interests, and they will undermine confidence that America's elections represent the will of a checked and balanced majority. The new laws present a deep threat to our democracy and will lead to significant harm to communities that have long been under-represented. The federal standards created by the Freedom to Vote Act would create a "floor" for voters' access to the ballot box, so that all Granite State voices can be heard.

We thank you for your leadership on common-sense national standards to strengthen our democracy, particularly with the For the People Act and now the Freedom To Vote Act, and for your advocacy to protect against future attacks on the right to vote with an updated Voting Rights Act, fittingly named after civil rights hero John Lewis.

We will continue to fight day after day to protect our democracy and the freedom to vote in the State House and we know we can count on you to do everything in your power to pass these critical pieces of legislation.

In Solidarity,

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