



January 4, 2021

United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20510

**Re: Support Prioritizing the For the People Act (H.R.1)**

Dear Representative,

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) believes our earth is worth fighting for because everyone has a right to clean air, water, lands, and equitable participation in our democracy. Each year, LCV publishes the *National Environmental Scorecard*, detailing the voting records of members of Congress on environmental legislation. The *Scorecard* is distributed to LCV members, concerned voters nationwide, and the media.

We write in strong support of the *For the People Act* and urge you to prioritize its passage early in the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress. This legislation would strengthen voting rights, increase transparency and fairness in our campaign finance system, and improve our ethics laws. Along with passage of the *For the People Act*, Congress must also prioritize the *John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act* and *Washington, D.C Admission Act*.

H.R. 1 seeks to address issues at the core of a well-functioning nation – that every eligible voter can participate equitably in our democracy, and that the people’s voice, rather than outsized corporate influence, guides our elected officials. For far too long restrictive voting laws and partisan gerrymandering have silenced voices in our communities, disproportionately impacting people of color, young people, and people with disabilities.

LCV is dedicated to taking real action to address climate change, air and water pollution, making sure our public lands are available to all, and ensuring that in addressing these problems we recognize the harms particularly faced by communities of color. But when big polluter interests flood money into our elections, gerrymandering divides our communities, or partisan politicians suppress access to the ballot box, it drowns out the voices of those directly experiencing the health effects of pollution in their communities and the dangers of extreme weather.

Now more than ever, the public recognizes the urgency of addressing climate change, and the threat posed by a failure to find just and equitable solutions. It’s clear that a healthy democracy and a healthy environment are inextricably linked, and H.R. 1 is the first step we need to ensure elected officials are held accountable to the people who know our communities need action now.

For these reasons, LCV strongly urges you to vote YES on the *For the People Act*, *John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act*, *Washington, D.C Admission Act* and oppose any amendments that undermine this legislation. We will consider including these votes in the 2021 *Scorecard*. If you need more information, please contact our government relations team.

Sincerely,

Gene Karpinski  
President