



January 12, 2022

United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Support H.R. 5746, the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act**

Dear Representative,

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) believes that everyone has a right to clean air, clean water, public lands, and a safe climate protected by a just and equitable democracy. Each year, LCV publishes the *National Environmental Scorecard*, which details the voting records of members of Congress on environmental legislation. The *Scorecard* is distributed to LCV members, concerned voters nationwide, and the media.

**LCV strongly urges you to vote YES on H.R. 5746, the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act**, which would be America's most significant pro-democracy legislation in half a century. It includes the **Freedom to Vote Act**, which would protect free and fair elections by safeguarding and expanding voter access, banning partisan gerrymandering, modernizing voter registration, improving our broken campaign finance system, protecting election integrity, and promoting security of election systems. It also includes the **John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act**, which would defend against inequitable voting practices by restoring and modernizing the full protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The burdens of threats to both democracy and the environment fall disproportionately on people of color, indigenous people, young people, people with disabilities, and other marginalized groups. In the year since the January 6th attack, state legislatures across the country have taken up hundreds of bills to restrict their rights, dilute their votes, undermine their trusted election officials, and enable partisan interference in the core functions of their voting system—even including the power to overturn elections.

For far too long, voter suppression, partisan gerrymandering, and polluters' money have drowned out the voices of the people directly experiencing the health impacts of pollution and the dangers of extreme weather. A healthy democracy and a healthy environment are inextricably linked. The clock is ticking for both.

While LCV believes democracy should never be a partisan issue, Republican Senators have used the archaic filibuster rule to stall and stonewall voting rights legislation for too long. People from all walks of life are calling on Congress to protect their democracy from unprecedented threats before it is too late. By passing H.R. 5746 as amended, the House can help the Senate open debate on this vital bill.

**We urge you in the strongest possible terms to support the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act, and will strongly consider including votes on this in our next *Scorecard*.** If you need more information, please reach out to a member of our Government Relations team.

Sincerely,

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President