

February 3, 2021

Dear Member of Congress:

The 79 undersigned local, state, and national Jewish organizations write in strong support of the transformational democracy reform package the For the People Act (H.R. 1/S. 1), and urge you to prioritize its passage. As Jews, we are commanded *tzedek, tzedek tirdof*, to pursue justice. By enacting this bill, we can enhance integrity, fairness, and transparency in our nation's elections, create a democracy that values all voices, and build a more just society.

The 2020 election has underscored the urgent need for democracy reform, and the common-sense reforms in the For the People Act address many of these problems. This legislation aims to accomplish three overarching goals: (1) protecting and strengthening the sacred right to vote, (2) ending the dominance of big money in politics, and (3) implementing anti-corruption, pro-ethics measures to clean up government. Without structural democracy reform, our nation will remain unable to fully address important, substantive priorities, especially critical amid a pandemic, including protecting and expanding affordable health care, stopping the spread of COVID-19, and providing the assistance and support people need to care for themselves and their families.

The reforms in the For the People Act are necessary to advance racial justice and ensure that our government works for all people, not just a powerful few. President Joe Biden has stated that a "first priority" of his administration is to lead on a comprehensive set of democracy solutions like those reflected in H.R. 1/S. 1. As such, we urge a vote on this bill as soon as possible. With your support, we can make these urgently-needed reforms a reality. Together, we can create a democracy that represents, reflects, and responds to us all.

Sincerely,  
Jewish Council for Public Affairs  
National Council of Jewish Women

### **National Organizations**

ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal  
Ameinu  
American Jewish Congress  
Anti-Defamation League  
Avodah  
Aytzim: Ecological Judaism  
Bend the Arc Jewish Action  
Habonim Dror North America  
J Street  
Jewish Labor Committee

Jewish Women International  
Keshet  
MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger  
Moving Traditions  
Rabbinical Assembly  
Reconstructing Judaism  
Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association  
Society for Humanistic Judaism  
T'ruah  
The Workers Circle  
Union for Reform Judaism  
Uri L'Tzedek

### **State Organizations**

Arizona Jews for Justice  
Carolina Jews for Justice  
Jewish Community Action  
Jewish Labor Committee Western Region  
National Council of Jewish Women, Arizona Section  
National Council of Jewish Women, California  
National Council of Jewish Women, Colorado Section  
National Council of Jewish Women, Florida  
National Council of Jewish Women, Maryland Action Team  
National Council of Jewish Women, Massachusetts  
National Council of Jewish Women, Michigan Section  
National Council of Jewish Women, Minnesota Section  
National Council of Jewish Women, Tennessee  
National Council of Jewish Women, Texas  
National Council of Jewish Women, Utah Section  
National Council of Jewish Women, Washington State  
New Jersey Jewish Labor Committee  
Tzedek Georgia  
United Hebrew Trades - New York Jewish Labor Committee

### **Local Organizations**

Baltimore Jewish Council  
Buffalo Jewish Community Relations Council  
Chicago Jewish Labor Committee  
IKAR  
Jewish Community Relations Council of Atlanta  
Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston  
Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Phoenix

Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin, Sonoma,  
Alameda and Contra Costa Counties

Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley

Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix

Jewish Federation of Greater Portland

Lab/Shul

National Council of Jewish Women, Atlanta Section

National Council of Jewish Women, Austin Section

National Council of Jewish Women, Chicago North Shore Section

National Council of Jewish Women, Essex County Section

National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Dallas Section

National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Miami Section

National Council of Jewish Women, Greater New Orleans Section

National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Philadelphia Section

National Council of Jewish Women, Kendall Section

National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville Section

National Council of Jewish Women, Nashville Section

National Council of Jewish Women, New York Section

National Council of Jewish Women, Northern Virginia Action Team

National Council of Jewish Women, Palm Beach Section

National Council of Jewish Women, Rockland County Section

National Council of Jewish Women, Sarasota-Manatee Section

National Council of Jewish Women, SE Atlantic Section

National Council of Jewish Women, South Cook Section

National Council of Jewish Women, St. Louis Section

National Council of Jewish Women, Valencia Shores Section

National Council of Jewish Women, West Morris Section

Temple Beth Tefilloh

Temple Concord

The Temple