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President Joseph R. Biden  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

On March 1, you will deliver the annual State of the Union address to our nation. During your presidency, the American people have seen many successes, from job creation to infrastructure funding to dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic. Yet our country also continues to face steep challenges, not least of which are the ongoing threats to the freedom to vote and free and fair elections. American democracy is under an alarming and unprecedented attack.

As state legislators from across the nation, we call on you to use the State of the Union address to clearly discuss the steps you will take to help us protect American democracy and commit to using executive actions to do so. Our constituents need to hear your specific plans to use the full power of your presidency to preserve the right to vote, which is the cornerstone of democracy.

Many of us serve in states that have seen unparalleled attacks on our democracy. Last year alone, 19 states passed 34 anti-voter laws creating new barriers to access the ballot box, especially for people of color and young voters. These laws will also make it easier for partisan officials to sabotage valid election results. This year extremist state lawmakers are moving at an even faster pace to restrict the freedom to vote, introducing more than 250 bills in 27 states attacking the right to vote.



Most of these new laws are based on rampant misinformation and deliberate efforts to undermine Americans' confidence in elections. In many states, extremist lawmakers and dark money groups have been hard at work attacking democracy, using partisan and racial gerrymandering to draw congressional districts that deny people fair representation, and already taking steps to subvert upcoming elections.

For many months, we urged the U.S. Senate to follow the lead of the U.S. House of Representatives – and pass voting rights legislation that would set national baseline standards to protect elections. But Republican senators – joined by two Democrats – lamentably allowed the arcane filibuster rule to block that legislation.

We are out of options. We need you to use the full power of the Presidency - including executive actions - to protect elections and foster a diverse, multi-racial democracy that lifts all voices. As the world watches, we again implore you to use the State of the Union address to explain to our constituents how you will lead us in the fight to preserve our democracy at this critically important moment.

Sincerely,

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