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U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Representative:

The 3.1 million members of the National Education Association, who teach and support students in public schools and on public college campuses across our nation, urge you to vote YES on the For the People Act, H.R. 1. Votes on this issue you may be included in the NEA Report Card on the 117th Congress.

NEA members help prepare students for the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship. They are dedicated to helping students understand not only how our government works, but also their role in *making* government work—especially through exercising their right to vote. Yet, accessing the vote has become more difficult in recent years, particularly for African Americans and other people of color, people with disabilities, students, and senior citizens, because of a series of court cases and state legislative actions. The For the People Act seeks to remove barriers to voting and take other steps to put power back in the hands of the people.

H.R. 1 would:

- Create automatic voter registration across the country, ensure that individuals who have completed felony sentences have their voting rights restored, expand voting by mail and early voting, and modernizing the voting system;
- Commit Congress to restore the Voting Rights Act, prohibit purges of voter rolls, ensure that discriminatory voter ID requirements do not prevent Americans from exercising the right to vote, and prevent the gerrymandering that allows politicians to pick their voters; and
- Enhance federal support for voting system security and increase oversight of election vendors.

In addition, the For the People Act takes several steps to expose dark money in politics, such as requiring any organization involved in politics to disclose large donors, and allows everyday people to have more influence on elections by providing a multiple matching system for small donations. The law would also expand conflict of interest laws and divestment requirements to prevent members of Congress from serving on corporate boards; require presidential candidates to disclose their tax returns; and overhaul the Office of Government Ethics.

Our democratic institutions have been greatly tested this past year. America's future hinges on our ability to strengthen them from further attempts— such as denying access to the polls, delegitimizing the results of free and fair elections, and using wealth and secrecy to unduly influence politics—to undermine these institutions. The For the People Act will help restore faith in our democracy, encourage voters to participate in our political system, and reassure everyday Americans that their voices matter. Please vote YES on H.R. 1.

Sincerely,

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