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Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell,

As recently elected members of Congress from the classes of 2018 and 2020, we write today in full support of the For the People Act (S. 1, H.R. 1). This legislation cracks down on political corruption, reduces the influence of money in politics, and protects the right to vote. **We respectfully urge the Senate to consider all legislative and procedural means available in order to pass this critical legislation.**

Voters across the country elected us, established Democratic majorities in both chambers of Congress, and delivered a unified government because we vowed to protect our democracy. Our constituents want us to fight corruption, restore trust in our government, and protect the right to vote. We must deliver on these promises and preserve our democracy.

This year, insurrectionists launched an unprecedented assault on our democracy, using fear-based tactics ranging from intentionally undermining the public's faith in our elections to literally scaling the walls of our Capitol. This coordinated campaign of lies was fueled by dark money and ultra-wealthy donors more concerned about amassing power than preserving democracy. We must respond in a strong and lawful way by passing the For the People Act to show the American people our intent to count every vote and make every voice heard.

Specifically, the For the People Act will:

- **Protect voting rights for all eligible Americans** by reducing barriers that prevent everyday, hardworking people from voting, such as limited voting hours or last-minute polling place changes. Improving voter access through expanding early voting and

reducing voting wait times are necessary to ensure all Americans are able to exercise their constitutional right to vote;

- **Reduce the influence of money in politics** by bringing dark money into the light, empowering small donors, and cracking down on corruption; and
- **Restore ethics and accountability** by strengthening conflict of interest rules for members of Congress and executive branch officials and reducing the influence of lobbyists in the policymaking process.

This legislation will **make elections more secure** for Americans to vote by increasing federal oversight of elections which would improve election security at all levels. To restore faith in our democratic processes it is clear we need to pass H.R. 1 in its entirety to both improve Americans' access to the ballot box and make the ballot box more secure.

Many of the provisions included in H.R. 1 have bipartisan origins. Elected officials of all political backgrounds across the country have developed, implemented, or advocated for these ideas. The reforms in this bill are deeply popular. Recent polling indicates that over 80 percent of Americans support the For the People Act.

In combination, the provisions of H.R. 1 will modernize our voting, campaign finance, and ethics laws with the goal of restoring power to real people. These reforms are most effective in concert, so it is critical that the For the People Act remains a complete legislative package.

The reforms in the For the People Act will repair the public's faith in our elections and elected officials and return power to hardworking, regular Americans—Joe Biden and Donald Trump supporters alike. Our democracy needs this legislation, enacted in its entirety, to protect its core values and maintain it for the long-term.

Sincerely,



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